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**DE VALERA TO RECONSIDER.**  
**LAND ANNUITY SURPRISE.**  
**AGREEMENT HE WAS UNAWARE OF.**  
**WRONG ADDRESS.**  
London, Apr. 12.  
It is believed that the latest Note sent by the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas to the Irish Free State Government has shaken Mr. de Valera's confidence somewhat.  
All members of the de Valera party are reported to have been greatly surprised by the mention in the Note of a financial agreement of February, 1923, having special regard to the land annuities, of which, it is stated, they were quite unaware.  
Officials in Dublin are now said to be hastily and anxiously searching through the archives of the late Ministry for such a document, which a member of Mr. Cosgrave's last government informed Reuters' Dublin correspondent, exists.  
It is learned that the agreement was signed by Mr. Cosgrave, who was then the Finance Minister of the Free State, and by Major Hill, representing to Government of the United Kingdom.  
**The Next Step.**  
It is understood that the Land Act of 1923 gave point to the agreement in respect of the annuities by setting out how they should be collected and transferred to England.  
Mr. Cosgrave said at that time that the agreement was in every way satisfactory.  
As Mr. de Valera has declared he will scrupulously honour any formal undertaking to continue the payment of the land annuities, his next steps will be awaited with some interest.  
**Consideration Delayed.**  
Although the Free State Executive Council meets to-morrow, a Dublin message says it is unlikely that the Dominion Secretary's reply to de Valera's despatch on the Oath and Land Annuities controversy, will be examined before Friday.  
According to the *Times* Dublin correspondent, the friendly tone of the British Government note and its freedom from any kind of threat has been welcomed by Irish Free State citizens. He describes many Free State people as surprised that the Oath, which de Valera and his followers in the Free State Parliament have themselves taken, describing it in so doing as an "empty formula," should be treated as an occasion to precipitate a dispute.  
In no quarter of the British press is any sympathy or approval found for de Valera's action.  
**The Wrong Address.**  
The *Liberal Star* this evening says: "Ireland now is no longer an appendage of England but a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Her old position lives only in the memory of those who cannot adjust their minds to the facts. The only thing, in fact, which binds the Commonwealth together is allegiance to the Crown. De Valera is writing to the wrong address. He thinks he is trying to break a link England. He is, in fact, threatening to break the bonds of the Empire, which bind Irishmen in Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand to Ireland itself."

**Statute of Westminster.**  
The *Evening News* refers to the already expressed concern of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa at the possible consequences of de Valera's meditated action and says he will probably be further reminded by them that the Free State helped to frame the Statute of Westminster, in which it is laid down that the Crown in the symbol of the free association of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown.  
The *News* adds that all over the Empire the hope will be that the Ireland which accepted the invitation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa will not go there

# SOVIET INTRIGUE IN MANCHURIA.

**CITY UNDER ASHES.**  
**ANDEAN VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.**  
**QUEER SCENES IN CHILE.**  
Santiago, Apr. 12.  
Residents in the volcanic zone are in a state of terror as the hours of incessant eruptions pass without any sign of diminution.  
They have, however, been somewhat cheered by the announcements of seismologists, expressing the belief that the danger of greater volcanic eruptions is subsiding, at least, temporarily.  
Valparaiso and Santiago present an extraordinary appearance. Both cities are covered with white cinders and ashes.  
The flames shooting out of the Tinguiririca crater have now subsided, but all the volcanoes are still emitting cinders and ashes.  
The wind has changed and is now carrying the ashes to the mountains. The Red Cross has rushed assistance to the Andean frontier but up to the present no fatalities have been reported.—*Reuter.*

**EXPORTS UP—IMPORTS DOWN.**  
**THE FIRST MONTH OF TARIFFS.**  
London, Apr. 12.  
An increase in exports and a decrease in imports are shown in the Board of Trade returns for March—the first complete month since Britain changed her tariff policy.  
Figures issued to-day show that the month's exports were £36,620,376 about £1,200,000 over February, and imports £31,119,414 over £9 millions less than February.  
The adverse trade balance has been reduced to £24,499,000 as compared with £34,738,968 the previous month.—*British Wireless.*

**THE PRINCE AND INDUSTRY.**  
**"GET TOGETHER" MOVEMENT.**  
London, Apr. 12.  
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in a message to the National Industrial Alliance to-day, said he could see no more helpful sign for the restoration of industrial prosperity and consequent well-being of the people of this country than the determination of employers and employed to get together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, and, by pooling their experiences and special knowledge, seek to solve the many problems which at present concerned them.—*British Wireless.*  
Said to have attempted suicide in a fit of depression over financial matters, a woman named Li Lan, of 4, Chiu Shing Street, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of an overdose of cyanide.  
A workman engaged on board the s.s. Kwolehow, at the Taitoo Dock, last night received a fractured leg when he accidentally fell into the No. 2 hold. He also sustained a scalp wound and was later removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.  
With the intention of tearing itself out of the family and so becoming no longer entitled to the many and growing boons which membership of the British Commonwealth confers.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

**Silver Ratio and Sterling.**  
**BANKER ON EMPIRE CURRENCY.**  
London, Apr. 12.  
The re-introduction of silver into the world's monetary systems in order to mitigate the present shortage of gold, was advocated by Sir Robert Horne, the famous banker and economist, speaking before the Royal Empire Society to-day.  
Referring to the Imperial Economic Conference, Sir Robert Horne said he was looking for a settlement of the matter, which he believed to be vitally important to world prosperity.  
He also strongly supported the Canadian suggestion that an Empire currency should be established, stating his considered opinion that if the nations of the Empire agreed to fix a ratio between silver and sterling, the Empire would benefit extensively in developing trade with the East.—*Reuter.*

**CONTINENT AND BRITISH COAL.**  
**STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT.**  
London, Apr. 12.  
The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, to-day answered further Parliamentary questions regarding the restrictions on the importation of British coal into Germany, France and Belgium.  
He repeated that successive German quota reductions were regarded as discriminatory against Britain.  
The French and Belgian quota restrictions applied to coal imported from all countries, but the methods of calculating the quotas and administering the licensing system which gave effect to the quotas were considered inequitable to Britain.  
In Italy, a general landing duty of two and half lire per ton applied only to coal imported by sea. Accordingly it affected coal from this country to a greater extent than coal from other countries.  
Mr. Runciman said that where there was discrimination against Britain it could not be ignored and such steps as appeared to be necessary must be taken.—*British Wireless.*

**BRITISH ARMY STRENGTH.**  
**FIGURES FOR UNITED KINGDOM.**  
London, Apr. 12.  
It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that the present strength of the Regular Army in the United Kingdom is 7,506 officers and 99,381 other ranks.  
The Territorial Army strength is 6,899 officers and 124,330 other ranks.—*British Wireless.*

**MANY ARRESTS IN HARBIN.**  
**REDS AND REBELS IN ALLIANCE.**  
Harbin, Apr. 13.  
Signs that the unrest against the new Manchurian administration is gaining strength daily are not wanting.  
The latest development is an alliance between Communist agitators and the troops of the old Kirin Army on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway.  
**UNITE WITH U.S.S.R.**  
Pamphlets are being distributed urging the people to assist the rebels to "overthrow the Manchukuo Government" and "Establish a Soviet Government and unite with the U.S.S.R."  
In Harbin itself, Red agitators are causing trouble and it is reported that many Soviet citizens have been arrested on charges of implication in plots to destroy railway property.  
Kazan-tsevo Station, near Weishaho, has been looted and burned by bandits.—*Reuter.*

**LOYANG DEMANDS DISMISSAL.**  
Loyang, Apr. 13.  
The closing session of the National Emergency Conference decided to request the National Government to order the dismissal of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang from all his posts and to investigate the charges against him.  
The Conference suggested that his troops be handed over to the control of the Military Council, of which General Chiang Kai-shek is chairman.  
A resolution was passed paying a tribute to the work of Dr. W. W. Yen in presenting China's case to the League of Nations.—*Reuter.*

**LICENCE TERMS INFRINGED.**  
**MAN WHO RAN TWO BUSINESSES.**  
For a breach of a condition governing the grant of his food licence, in that he sub-let or used part of his premises for a business other than that for which the licence was granted, without the special permission of the Head of the Sanitary Department, Lo Chung, proprietor of an eating house at 282, Hennessey Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy to-day.  
The prosecution stated that defendant was carrying on a dual business, having established a carpenter's business on the premises in addition to that of an eating house.  
Defendant pleaded that he was doing the best he could to meet the high rent he was paying.  
In imposing the fine, Mr. Schofield also made an order for the removal of the carpenter's business within a week.

**THE MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC.**  
**STATEMENT BY M.O.H.**  
**MILD AT PRESENT.**  
One of the surprising features of the meningitis outbreak in Hongkong, which Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health this morning described as a "mild epidemic," is the immunity so far enjoyed by the European population.  
Ninety-five per cent. of the cases reported to date, which number 63, are Chinese victims. There have been only three Europeans—one French (imported) and two Portuguese, whilst one Armenian and one Indian case has also been notified.  
Dr. Pope said he could not give the exact mortality figures, but they amounted to about 33 per cent., the number of deaths being just over 20.  
"The figures do not justify the outbreak being called a real epidemic," he added. "The League of Nations take 25 cases a week as indicating an epidemic, but this figure is applied to a population of 5,000, and certainly could not be regarded as epidemic where there is a population of nearly a million."  
"I should call the present attack a mild epidemic," he added.  
Asked if the authorities had considered further the possibility of introducing preventive measures, the Medical Officer of Health replied that, so far as they could see, there was no such measures which could be enforced.  
"My chief hope lies in some really warm weather. The same thing happened in 1918. As soon as the weather became colder, the cases increased, and when the sun came out and the atmosphere warmed up, they instantly declined."  
Dr. Pope again stressed the necessity for plenty of fresh air and avoidance of crowded places, but, apart from this, said the disease left them helpless so far as precautions were concerned.

**40. NEW FOREIGN UNDERTAKINGS.**  
**EFFECT OF BRITISH TARIFFS.**  
London, Apr. 12.  
In a Parliamentary answer, Mr. Walter Runciman said the Board of Trade had received information regarding upwards of forty new undertakings which had been set up in Britain during the past few months by, or with the assistance of foreign concerns.—*British Wireless.*

**U.S. BASEBALL ON AGAIN.**  
**BOSTON SHUT OUT IN WASHINGTON.**  
New York, Apr. 12.  
The baseball season opened yesterday with one game at Washington, in which the Senators defeated Boston (in the American League) by one run to nil.—*Reuter.*

**GENEVA HUMS.**  
**THREE GATHERINGS IN SESSION.**  
**TARDIEU STARRED.**  
Geneva, Apr. 12.  
Simultaneous work by the League Council, the International Labour Conference and the World Disarmament Conference, made Geneva a hive of international activity to-day.  
Chief interest centred upon M. Tardieu's proposal to adjourn the Council's decision upon the League of Nations Financial Commission's Report on the Danube State until May.  
M. Tardieu made this suggestion in view of the fact that the four principal Powers have appointed experts to conduct a technical examination of the Daubian economic problem.  
After Sir John Simon, Signor Grandi and Dr. von Buelow had drawn attention to the urgency of the matter, M. Tardieu's proposal was adopted.  
**International Army.**  
The French Premier was also prominent at the Disarmament Conference, where, in a stirring speech, he reiterated France's plan for an international military force and emphasised the interdependence of the French proposals for the suppression of aggressive aims.—*Reuter.*

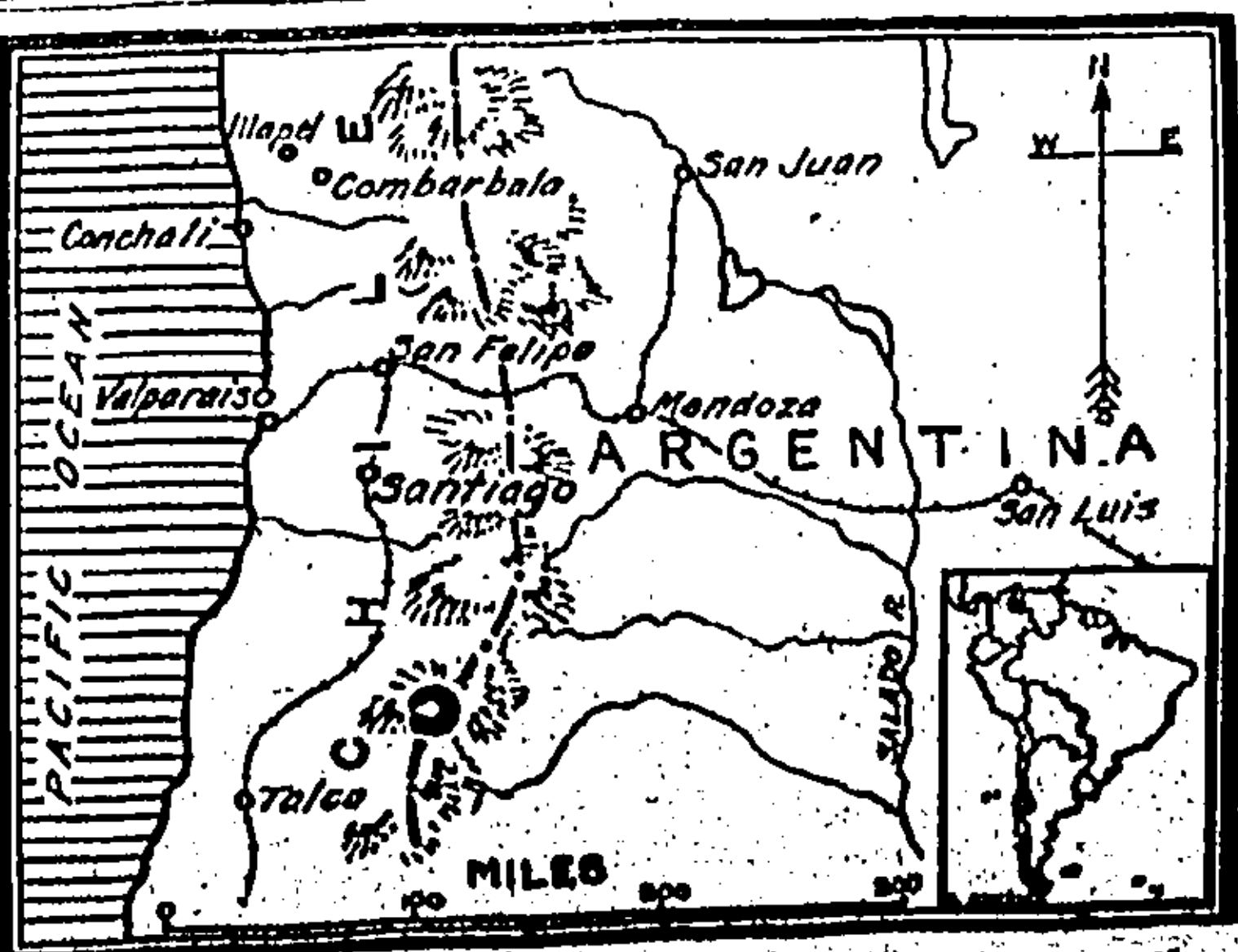
**CHICAGO POLLS IN PRIMARIES.**  
**TERRORISM FEARS NOT REALISED.**  
Chicago, Apr. 12.  
Drawing predictions of a reign of terror with Al Capone's gunmen ruling the ballot-boxes, citizens of Chicago to-day polled heavily for both the Republican and Democratic candidates in the primary election for nomination of candidates for the Presidency of the United States.  
Forty thousand police and volunteers guarded the polling booths, and there were only minor disorders.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**SILVER SLIGHTLY DOWN.**  
**HONGKONG DOLLAR UNALTERED.**  
The Hongkong dollar still remains at 1s. 2 1/2d., although silver has again declined both in London and New York. The local market has an easy undertone.  
London reports a fall of 1/8th in silver. There was no special feature on the market. India sold, but business was small. After the official fixing, the market ruled dull, with America inclining to sell.  
In New York, silver is down 1/8th, with the market steady.

**A WORLD OF ILLUSION.**  
**THE DAILY MAIL LIBEL CASE.**  
**SIR OLIVER LODGE AS WITNESS.**  
**TALK WITH SON.**  
(Reuter's Special Service).  
London, Apr. 12.  
Remarkable evidence was given by Sir Oliver Lodge, the celebrated scientist and adherent of spiritualism, when he was called on behalf of Mrs. Mourie Morris, who is suing the *Daily Mail* for libel.  
The plaintiff is a comparatively young woman recognised as one of the most extraordinary mediums of the day. She is of humble origin and has had little education, coming from an ordinary village school.  
Widespread interest.  
In trances, she has delivered sermons in the ringing tones of a trained masculine speaker and her reputation is such that all the leading personalities in spiritualism are following the action with the greatest interest.  
The claim is based principally upon a contents bill issued by the *Daily Mail* proclaiming:  
**FRANCE**  
**MEDIUM**  
**FOUND OUT.**  
Her counsel argued that it was impossible, as the *Daily Mail* implied, that a frail, poorly educated woman could produce such phenomenon by conscious trickery. While preaching in a trance, her bodily changes themselves were remarkable. One side of her body became absolutely cold and her pulse leaped to 130. Dr. Eder, who examined her in these circumstances, described her as perfectly sincere and honest.  
Sir Oliver Lodge, the veteran scientist, described his talk with "Mr. Power," one of plaintiff's "controls," and also a talk with his famous son, Raymond, who was killed in the War.  
He discussed conditions in the spirit world with his son.  
**World of Illusion.**  
"I put it to my boy, Raymond, 'You live in the world of illusion,' and he replied: 'So do you, father.'"  
Sir Oliver Lodge said he was absolutely convinced that Mrs. Morris was perfectly honest.  
"It is a phenomenon that must be recognised—that a person can leave the body to be manipulated by another intelligence. That has been established as a fact by students of psychic science."

**Case for Defence.**  
Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., opening the case for the defence, made the most of the fact that Mrs. Lawrence Cowan, who was prominently associated with the manifestations in which Mrs. Morris was concerned, was now called as a witness.  
Mr. Birkett denounced him as an attempted exploiter.

**SHANGHAI SHARES.**  
**LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.**  
Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received the following cabled quotations of Shanghai shares:  
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.90.  
Shanghai Lands, 23.80.  
Shanghai Electric (Bearer), 30.25.  
Market steadier, with more enquiry.





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**CONTRACT  
BRIDGE.**

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge  
League.

In contract bridge, to arrive at  
the best declaration for the com-  
bined 26 cards, it is necessary  
for partners to exchange as much  
intelligent information as possible  
by sound bids—so as not to take  
a chance on losing game or over-  
bidding the hand.

When the original bidder's  
hand contains two and one-half  
high card tricks or better and a  
distribution assuring him that his  
hand will also take at least four  
or five tricks if played at the suit  
mentioned, he has three choices  
of bids:

1—He may make a minimum  
bid of one. While he may be  
taking a chance that his partner  
will pass short of game, partner  
should not pass when holding at  
least one and one-half tricks.  
2—He may bid for game at  
once, but the risk here is very  
great as there may be two or  
three different declarations in the  
hand and the best declaration may  
not be the one he calls.  
3—He may make a forcing bid  
which not only gives valuable in-  
formation to partner but requires  
partner to keep the bidding open,  
thereby guaranteeing him another  
opportunity to bid.

The ordinary way to make a  
forcing bid is to bid one more  
of a suit than is necessary to hold  
the contract. The various types  
of forcing bids are as follows:

1—Any original bid of two in  
a suit requires that the bidding  
be kept open by partner until a  
game-going declaration is arrived  
at, therefore it should not be  
made if you are not willing to  
play the hand at game even  
though partner's hand may be  
trickless.

2—Overcalling partner's suit  
bid with another suit bid of one  
more than is necessary, e. g. part-  
ner bids one heart and you bid  
three diamonds. This also indi-  
cates a game-going hand and re-  
quires the bidding to be kept  
open until game is arrived at.

3—Overcalling opponent's suit  
with a higher bid of the same  
suit if partner had previously  
bid, e. g. your partner bids one  
heart, opponent bids two dia-  
monds, and you bid three dia-  
monds. This shows no losing  
cards in the opponent's suit, sup-  
port in your partner's suit, and  
slam possibilities. It further re-  
quires that the bidding shall be  
kept open until at least a game-  
going declaration is arrived at.

4—The one over one, which the  
writer advocates, is a take-out of  
partner's opening bid of one, with  
a bid of one in another suit; e. g.  
partner bids one heart and you  
bid one spade. This is the one-  
over-one and requires partner to  
keep the bidding open, but it does  
not guarantee game and partner  
may pass on the next round. Sup-  
posing partner were now to bid  
one no trump, he would show a  
minimum four card heart suit  
opening bid. If you were to carry  
the bid to two spades, partner,  
holding no additional values, has  
a perfect right to pass.

The following bids are strong  
invitation bids but are not de-  
mand bids and partner may pass  
them:

1—A free bid of more than  
game; e. g. partner bids one heart  
and you bid five hearts. This is  
a strong invitation for a slam bid,  
but partner may pass it.

2—A jump re-bid in your own  
suit after partner has once denied  
it, or if he has passed; e. g. you  
bid one spade, partner passes or  
bids three spades, and you now bid  
three spades. You strongly invite  
him to go to four, but he may pass.

No trump bids are at no time  
forcing bids.

**THESE BULLION  
BROKERS.**

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ROTARY TALK.

Rotarians and guests found  
much to amuse them in a delight-  
fully light address which was  
given by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith  
on the subject of "These Bullion  
Brokers" at yesterday's weekly  
luncheon of the Rotary Club,  
which was held on board the s.s.  
President Hoover, this being the  
first occasion when the meeting  
has been held on board a ship.

The Chairman (Sir William  
Hornell) welcomed the following  
guests:—Rotarians, F. H. Steven-  
son, (Peking), Yinson Lee, (Shang-  
hai), L. L. Goodman, (Singapore),  
H. Thorpe, (California), A. P.  
Drakeford, (Manila), Freider,  
(Manila), S. Fraser, (Manila),  
Gilleland, (Manila), and the fol-  
lowing non-Rotarian guests:—Mr.  
Douglas Jenkins, (Consul General  
for U.S.A. in Hongkong), Mr. F.  
Hinke (Consul for U.S.A., Canton),  
Mr. R. J. Bell, (British North  
Borneo), Captain T. W. H. Rose-  
good, Dr. Ernest To, Dr. Y. S. Wan,  
Dr. Bernardo de Sousa, Mr. P. G.  
Korley, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. R.  
A. Greaves, and Mr. R. Cryan, (all  
of Hongkong).

The Chairman announced that on  
the occasion of Goethe's centenary,  
"Faust" will be presented under the  
auspices of the German Club at St.  
Paul's Girls' College on April 16.

Mr. Bowes-Smith said:—As a  
guest of the Rotary Club and the  
Dollar Steamship Company it gives  
me much pleasure to stand before  
you to-day, but as a bullion  
broker I do so with that diffidence  
which is such a characteristic  
of the members of my pro-  
fession.—(Laughter). Exchange

brokers, as a body, so often stand  
up to be shot at in the press that  
when one of them rises in public,  
he half expects to be the target  
for banana skins and rotten apples.  
Seeing, however, that we have no  
bananas to-day and that such  
a thing as a rotten apple has  
never been seen on a President  
boat, I hope that my remarks will  
be greeted with nothing more  
than an occasional raspberry.—  
(Laughter).

Docile and Harmless.

There is no section of the com-  
munity which is more maligned  
than the bullion brokers, unless it  
be the Broadcasting Committee,  
the civil servants and the inhabi-  
tants of Ice House Street. Yet a  
more docile and harmless lot of  
human beings it would be difficult  
to find. Accused of almost every  
crime, from rigging the exchange  
market and robbing the public,  
down to exceeding the rickshaw  
speed limit, these mild-mannered  
gentlemen find it hard at times to  
hold up their heads and look their  
fellow citizens in the face. Even  
the sharebrokers look askance  
at them, as though they have  
deliberately engineered the rise in  
the dollar to depress the stock  
market. In time they acquire a  
sort of inferiority complex, feeling  
that no matter how they present  
their case to the public no one will  
believe a word they say. As a  
matter of fact, I have never known  
an exchange broker tell an un-  
truth.—(Laughter).

Examples of Good Conduct.

Far from being undesirable,  
these gentlemen are singularly free  
from evil intentions and vice.  
Have you ever seen an exchange  
broker snatching a lady's handbag  
or trafficking in women and  
children? Have you ever known  
him cut his neighbour's aerial or  
appear in public improperly clad?  
Ours was practically the only pro-  
fession not included in the list of  
prominent residents, soldiers, law-  
yers and what-nots who recently  
expressed a desire to go about  
naked.—(Laughter).

Actually, the exchange brokers  
set an example of good conduct  
and gallantry which it would be  
well for others to emulate. When  
they find the narrow thoroughfare  
of Ice House Street blocked by  
pedestrians, they frequently get

out of their rickshaws and proceed  
on foot to prevent the jobbers be-  
ing jolted into the gutter. When  
they are waiting outside a bank  
manager's door, and a merchant or  
lawyer arrives on the scene, they  
invariably make way and say  
"After you, sir," even if they know  
that it will probably be twenty  
minutes before he comes out again.  
And when a lady stops one of them  
in the street and asks to be direct-  
ed to the Peak Church or the  
Virgins' Retreat, he promptly  
leaves his job and sees her safe-  
ly en route to her destination.—  
(Laughter).

These positive qualities are un-  
fortunately not recognised suffi-  
ciently, and so it is that the  
fraternity of which I am a humble  
member comes in for a lot of mis-  
informed criticism. I hope to  
prove to you in a few moments,  
gentlemen, that instead of being  
criticised, we deserve your  
sympathy for the many buffetings  
we receive in the execution of our  
duty.

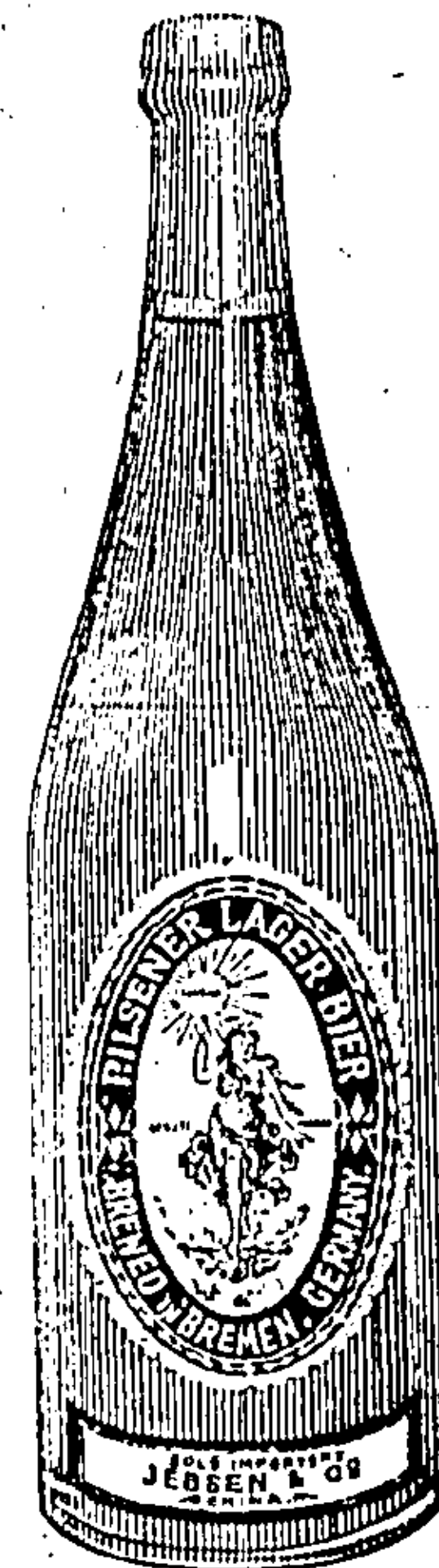
Their Private Lives.

Consider, in the first place, what  
these brokers are like in private  
life. One of them plays the piano.  
I've always maintained that a man  
who plays the piano must have a  
streak of goodness in him some-  
where.—(Applause). He also  
writes letters to the news-  
papers: a harmless sort of  
lunacy which cannot lead him  
very far astray. Several of them  
play golf, which is another harm-  
less sort of lunacy, and only leads  
them as far as Fanning. One of  
them spends his spare time frolic-  
king on the beach; while my old  
friend Champkin has a weakness  
for Boy Scouts and anti-aircraft  
guns. Quiet, innocent enjoy-  
ments, which they certainly en-  
joy after the trials and tribula-  
tions of their daily task. I should,  
perhaps, admit that at least one of  
them is interested in the turf, but  
a man can even enjoy horse racing  
without being thoroughly dis-  
honest.

I will not say any more about  
their private lives, for they are  
friends of mine. But I hope to  
have proved that they are no worse,  
(Continued on Page 10.)

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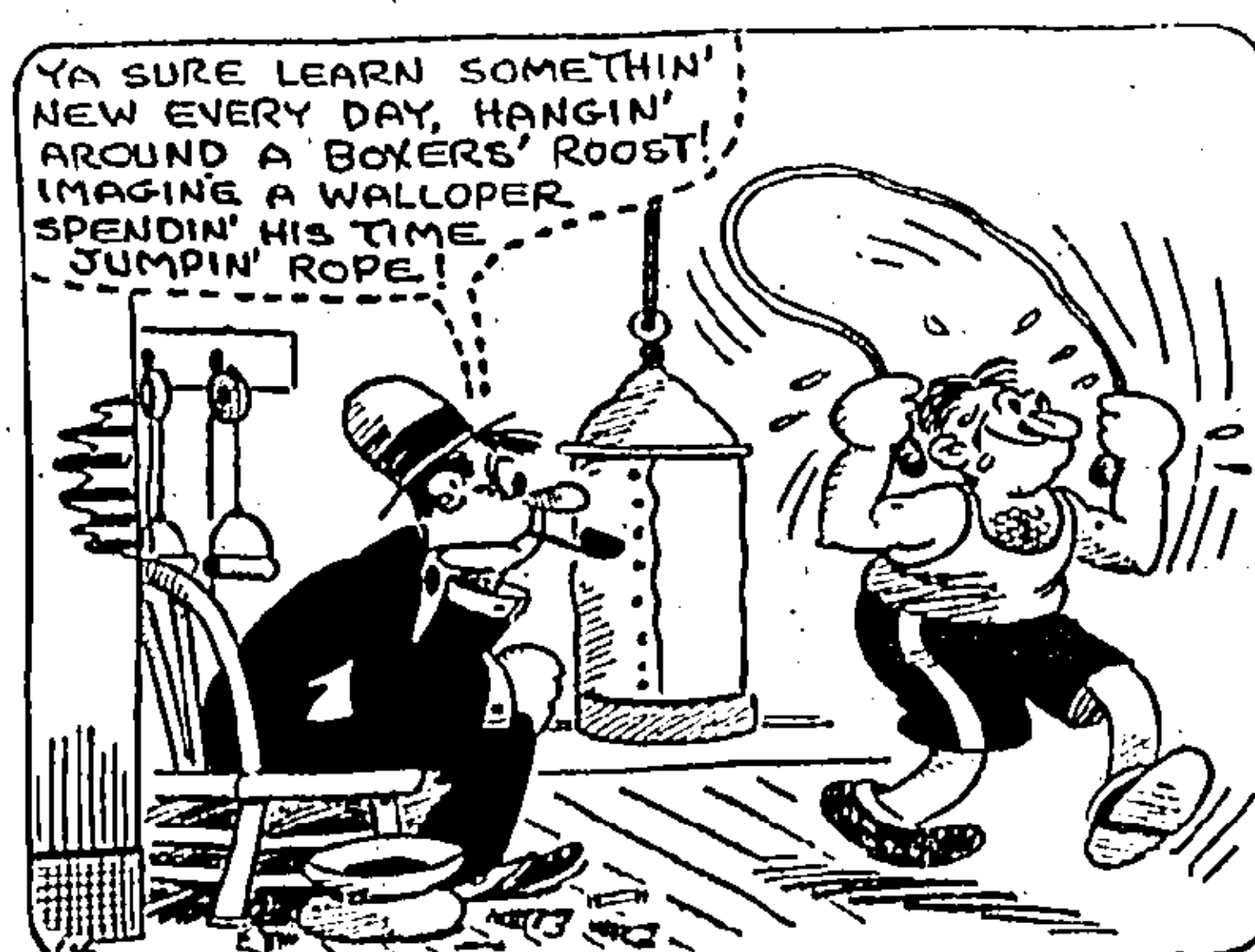
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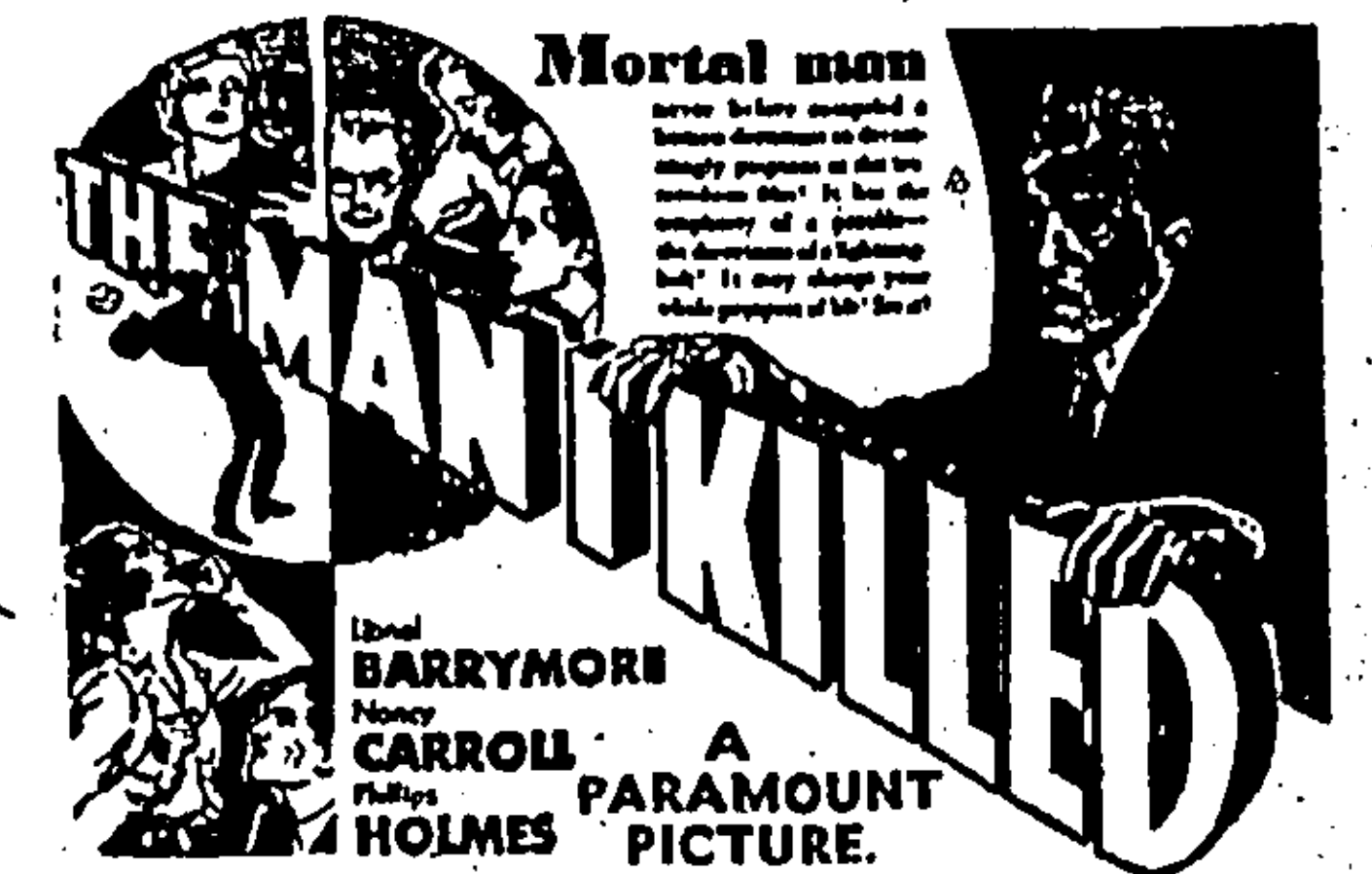
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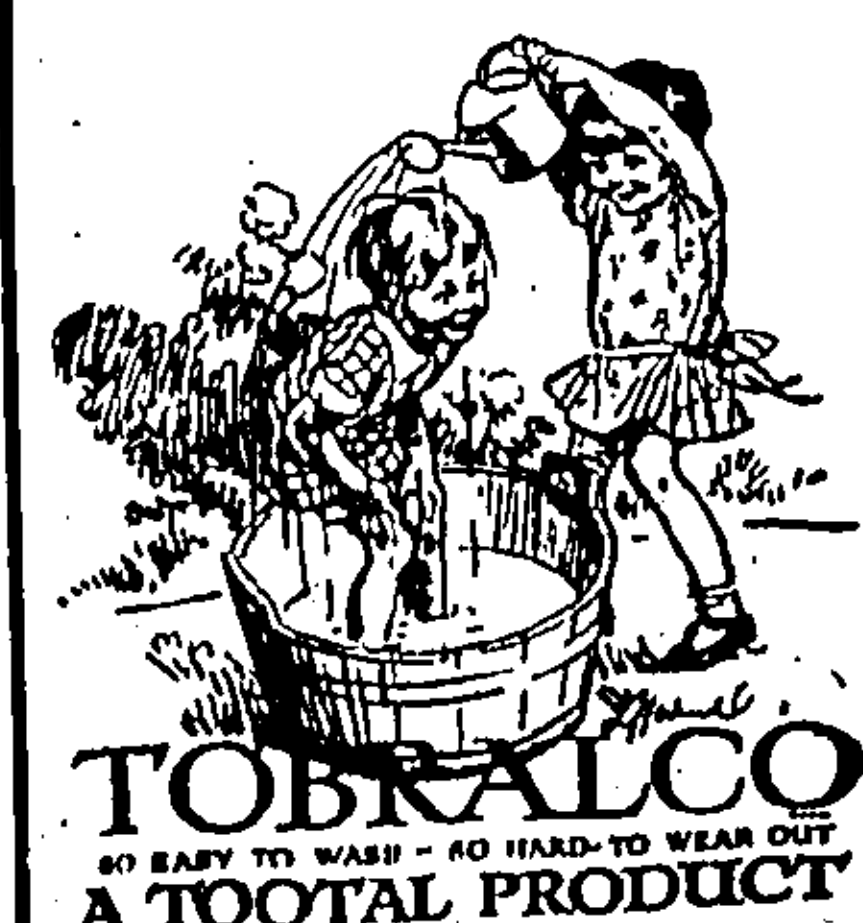


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## The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Beautiful Ellen Rosseter, who works by day as a salesgirl in Barclay's Department Store, lives with her mother, Molly Rosseter, her elder sister, Myra, and her young brother, Mike. Irresponsible Molly has long ago squandered the fortune left by her English husband and the two girls support the family. Molly foolishly spends money saved to pay the rent. Ellen decides to work at night as a dance hall hostess until the sum is made up. She goes to Dreamland and interviews Jacob Salomon who offers her a job on condition that she supply her own evening dresses. She has no evening dress.

Steven Barclay, Ellen's employer, sees her crying and asks her to come to his office. When she tells him the situation he offers to give her a dress. She proudly refuses. He then lends her one of the dresses worn by the store models.

Ellen is half-pleased, half-frightened by Barclay's obvious interest in her. She dines with him and he drives her to Dreamland where he leaves her. Salomon introduces her to the other hostesses. Ellen hates the cheapness of Dreamland. Two of the hostesses, Tony and Anise, wait for her to dress.

### CHAPTER V

Ellen sensed the antagonism of the two girls. She ignored it. They were staring at the ivory gown. Let them stare! Her own pleasure in the gown had evaporated. She neither knew nor cared how beautiful she looked in the soft ivory taffeta which swept the floor around her.

Tony, bright-eyed, small and brunette, was barely covered by a wisp of chiffon which clearly revealed her breasts and young, unformed legs. Her sigh of admiration, a purely feminine sigh, turned swiftly to envy as feminine.

"The competition is going to be fierce to-night," she whispered loudly to her platinum-haired companion.

"Maybe she thinks she's going to be presented at Buckingham Palace," countered Anise, flipping her cigarette to the floor.

Tony chuckled gleefully.

"The queen herself," she giggled. "And in a favourite lipstick."

The youngster jumped to her feet, ran across the room and before Ellen understood her purpose she had pulled down the back of the dress to examine the label.

"It is a Chantel," she confirmed in an awed tone. And to Ellen, "How come you wear a dress from Chantel to dance in a dump like this?"

Ellen felt like tearing off the dress and stamping on it. She was angry and humiliated. A good part of her anger was directed at herself. She should have known better than to select so unsuitable a costume merely because it was becoming. She had come to Dreamland to work—not to play. Play time was for girls who were protected and cared for—for girls who would have been scornfully amused at the notion of dancing at Dreamland to earn money for rent.

"Go away," she fiercely addressed Tony. "Go away and let me alone. And take your hands off my dress!"

"Aw, I'm sorry if I hurt your feelings," apologized Tony, with a contrite, distressed little laugh. "Honest I'm sorry. Don't be sore. I was only fooling. You look swell."

Her small face was puckered with earnestness. She slipped her brown hand into Ellen's hand and grinned up at her engagingly. Any-one would have forgiven Tony in

Ellen forgave readily. She thought Tony a good-hearted youngster for all her defiant hardness, worth a dozen of the languishing Anise.

Anise was still sulky and aggrieved when the three girls walked into the ballroom. But Tony had forgotten completely that she had ever been jealous of Ellen and was eagerly babbling out amazingly sophisticated advice and instructions.

The hostesses sat at empty tables, one girl to a table, and waited for men to ask them to dance. Most of the girls had regular patrons. Tony's instructions dealt in part with methods for "cinching regulars." These men would buy a whole string of tickets for the privilege of dancing with a particular girl for an hour or so. After each of the short dances—the fastest couples barely managed three turns of the room before the orchestra stopped—the girl would gravely detach one of the tickets from the long string proffered by her escort.

Ellen took a table close to Tony's. But Tony was gone almost immediately, away like a green flash in the arms of a tall youth. She made a very ugly face over her partner's shoulder to indicate to Ellen that she did not favour him.

Ellen sat alone for some time. The music, once she became accustomed to its loudness, made her want to dance. She was surprised to observe that for once in her life she was an undeniable wallflower. The large majority of the other tables were quickly evacuated. Still no one asked her to dance.

A great many of the men who stood around the walls watching the dancers or waiting their turn with Sunny or Anise or Tony or Maybelle glanced toward her but no one approached. Ellen's very beauty and air cool aloofness intimidated them. At last a bold spirit sought out Salomon and came over for an introduction. As she acknowledged the introduction Ellen realized there were worse things than sitting alone at a table while others danced.

One of them was dancing with Joseph K. Landis. He was clumsy. He was crude. He held her so tightly that she could hardly breathe. He pressed his damp face against her cool cheek no matter how insistently she sought to avoid the juxtaposition. And all the time he babbled in her ear inane compliments.

"Where've you been all my life, little one? At home taking care of the kids? I thought so. A pretty little thing like you should have a better fate. Take me for instance—go right ahead and take me. I'll see you don't get trampled in the rush."

"You're holding me too tightly," she said furiously.

"Naughty, naughty! You're not supposed to talk. I can hold you tighter than this. See."

He closed his arms around her, moved his face forward and kissed her squarely on the lips. Ellen struggled free, slapped him across the mouth and was off the floor and back at her table before Joseph that mood, as Tony well knew.

## Der Reichspräsident

Berlin, den 15. Februar 1932.

Ich erkläre hiermit, dass ich der Aufnahmewahlmann in den "Wahlvorwahl 1932" zustimme.

*von Hindenburg*

In this note President Paul von Hindenburg told the German electorate that he would stand for re-election as chief Executive of the Reich.

K. Landis thoroughly understood what had happened.

Jacob Salomon was very angry. He stood before Ellen's table, his feet wide apart, his arms gestulating, as he explained in detail how angry he was.

"I don't care if he did try to kiss you," he snapped. "That was no reason for socking him. You gotta treat patrons decent. Kid 'em along, give 'em a good time. That's what you're here for, young woman."

Ellen was angry, too.

"I came here to dance, Mr. Salomon, not to be mauled," she retorted, her eyes flashing, her lips pale with anger. "He didn't try to kiss me. He did kiss me."

She got up from the table and had begun to say that Salomon could find another girl to take her place, one more amenable to his ideas, when she saw that there was a small disturbance near the door.

Three men had entered and were grouped near the ticket booth. The two in evening clothes plainly wished to leave but the third, one in flannels, just as plainly wished to stay. Suddenly Ellen saw him detach himself from his companions and push his way toward the spot where she and Salomon stood. He came straight across the crowded floor, regardless of the dancers annoyed by his transit.

He was a young man of 26 or 27 with a countenance in which eagerness was oddly mixed with something almost like boredom. His hair was thick and red. Ellen had a strange feeling that she would always remember his progress across the floor, that it would remain forever fixed in her mind, unchangeable.

She continued talking to Salomon, who had his back to the newcomer, but she was hardly conscious of what she said. While she talked she was aware that all her attention was fixed upon that figure approaching and that she was asking herself the cause of the contradictions in this face, deciding it was due to the sulky, bored mouth beneath such eager eyes. Were they blue or gray?

Jacob Salomon did not observe the young man until he was within a few steps of them. But he understood immediately.

"You're right," he muttered, half under his breath. "You should've socked him. Be more careful this time. This bird's class or I miss my guess."

thought of leaving Dreamland gone.

She had the strangest feeling that she wanted to prolong the moment of waiting. She was like a child on Christmas morning hesitating at the stairway-head before plunging down to the glittering tree. She saw Salomon speak to the young man, saw the two turn toward her. Salomon introduced her and waited for the newcomer to supply his own name. Ellen, with her new and sharpened perceptions, felt that the young man hesitated as he said that he was Larry Smith. She could not be certain. She was certain that his eyes were grey, not blue.

The orchestra swung into a waltz. Most of the couples were flocking from the floor. Ellen saw them, heard them, even identified some of the girls, but all this served only as a dim and unreal background for the man who stood before her.

He asked her to dance. With that same strange feeling that all of this had been preordained, that all this was something that she would never forget, she stepped into his arms.

"Am I going crazy?" she thought. "A young man I've never seen before waltzes with me and I want to cry."

She fancied that she was trembling. She was sure that if she tried to speak she would find that she had lost her voice. The two tall beautiful young people were almost alone on the floor. They had not spoken since they started dancing. As effortless as shadows they drifted along to the measures of the lightly melancholy tune.

"I haven't any tickets," the young man spoke at last and abruptly. Absurdly he repeated, "I haven't any tickets."

He guided her to the ticket booth. Even as they reached the knot of perspiring men who were supplying themselves with fresh tickets, the dance was done. Ellen withdrew a few paces, embarrassed, shy, confused.

She was obsessed with a desire to learn the name of the waltz the orchestra had played. As she waited for her partner nothing seemed to matter in the world save that she should know the name of that waltz. Without thinking what she was doing she thumped the violin player who was tuning his instrument but he stopped to

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BRIDGE AND MAHJONG DRIVE YESTERDAY.

The first function organised by the Women's Section of the European Y.M.C.A. was held in the West Lounge yesterday, when a bridge and mahjong drive was organised for the Girl Guides Headquarters Hut Fund. The M.C. was Mrs. J. H. Hunt, the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Section. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent and it is hoped to repeat similar functions in the future. The prize winners were:

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The Committee are to be congratulated on the splendid organisation, especially Mrs. Hunt for all she did to make the drive such a great success.

ask indignantly what she thought she was doing.

"What waltz were you playing? What waltz were you playing?" "Waltz Romantic." Next time look out who you punch."

Ellen laughed joyously and with a disgusted glance at her, he began to pick at his strings again. A moment later the lights went out—all except a round moon over the orchestra.

As the room filled with misty, bluish light and the piano began to tinkle, the dancers crowded to the floor. Ellen was wildly impatient to be dancing. What if Larry Smith were unable to find her? Had he noticed that she had withdrawn? She turned to see him coming toward her through the bluish dusk. As he drew near she thought that she had never been so happy in her life.

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By Order,

W. L. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 7th April, 1932.

## CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

After a search of two weeks during which production necessarily was delayed, Miriam Seegar was chosen for the leading feminine role in the Pathé comedy drama, "Big Money," featuring Eddie Quillan, Robert Armstrong, James Gleason, Miss Seegar and Margaret Livingston, which was directed by Russell Mack and which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

Miss Seegar, a petite blonde, was favourably known on the stage, both in New York and London before she went to Hollywood about a year ago. She played leading roles opposite Richard Dix, Reginald Denny and Adolphe Menjou, and most recently was featured with Charlie Murray in "Clancy in Wall Street." The cast for "Big Money" was carefully selected and some twenty-five prominent stage and screen players were entrusted with the various roles. The story deals with the troubles and triumphs of a Wall Street messenger employed in a broker's office. He is addicted to the gambling habit, which is not uncommon in Wall Street, and as a dice thrower he is a distinguished success. He is given \$50,000 to deposit in a bank, but anxious for another whirl at the cubes, he finds the bank closed and is obliged to guard the money through the ensuing night. He falls in with several gangsters and when they learn of the treasure he carries in a brief case, his troubles begin.

There are numerous thrilling scenes, but Eddie Quillan's flair for comedy even in the face of personal peril, carry him through with flying colours. He falls in love with his employer's daughter, portrayed by Miss Seegar and finally wins her after giving up the gambling game which had almost wrecked their love romance. The picture was directed by Russell Mack. Robert Edeson, Dorothy Christy and other notable players are in the cast.

"The Man I Killed." The new trend in pictures, as recently described by B. P. Schulberg, managing director of Paramount's West Coast production, when he said that "dialogue should only be used to enhance the dramatic value of the story," is strikingly exemplified in "The Man I Killed," coming soon to the King's Theatre.

Ernst Lubitsch's first dramatic talking production will reach the screen with far less dialogue than the other big pictures made since the advent of sound. "Dialogue is important when it means something, yet only where it is vital to the story," says the director who made several dramatic silent pictures but whose talking productions to date have been confined to the light and more sophisticated, "The Smiling Lieutenant," "Monte Carlo" and "The Love Parade."

Lionel Barrymore, Nancy Carroll, Phillips Holmes and the other characters in "The Man I Killed" talk when it is logical that they should talk; they do not talk, however, when the story can better be developed in terms of action and use of the cameras.

Page after page of the script of the after-the-war romance laid in France and Germany was bare of dialogue. It was more like the scenarios for silent pictures, following the down-to-earth formula which authorities such as Schulberg and Lubitsch say is the new trend in providing the kind of entertainment demanded by the public. "Beau Ideal."

Adventure-seeking soldiers of the French Foreign Legion! Battling outcasts... fugitives from life and society! Devil-may-care heroism from the four corners of the world! The courage of this famous body of soldiers-of-fortune as depicted in "Beau Ideal" coming to the Queen's Theatre to-day, taxes credulity. The heterogeneous characters of the men enlisted produce situations unparalleled in any other body of troops. A bugle sounds the call to arms. The Legion barracks spring to life. Soldiers rush to the gun racks. There they wait, while a corporal unlocks the chains which hold the rifles in the rack. With attack threatening, one wonders at this apparently foolish delay.

Here is the terse explanation of a former officer of the Legion: "All nations, colours, creeds and religions are in our Legion. They have pay days. Liquor is plentiful and potent. Quarrels arise. Loose guns are dangerous! Severe regulations of the Legion have important parts in the picture. Ralph Forbes who created the role of 'John Geste' in 'Beau Geste,' plays the same role in 'Beau Ideal' which is a sequel by the same author. He is supported by an excellent cast, including Loreta Young, Irene Rich, Lester Vail, Don Alvarado, Otto Matiesen, Paul McAllister, Hale Hamilton, George Rigas and Leni Stengel, Herbert Brenon, director of the silent 'Beau Geste' also directed the talking 'Beau Ideal.'

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## "Palmy Days."

Eddie Cantor insists that he has a future that goes beyond current success, but what it is he doesn't know. Since the Samuel Goldwyn picture "Palmy Days," at the King's Theatre, is meant to be a for-lauding-purposes-only exposure of spiritualism, fortune telling and such occult pastimes, Cantor makes his role as an unwilling assistant to a fake spirit-ualist seem the more real. In the way of a future, Cantor is contemplating a goodwill tour of Europe under the auspices of Samuel Goldwyn. Personal appearances in connection with the showings of "Palmy Days" in Berlin, Paris, London, Vienna and Rome are likely. Eddie hasn't seen to Europe since he went to England on his honeymoon in 1914, to sing a single number in "Christie's Revue." The song is still remembered—"I Love the Ladies."

Then the goggle-eyed comic has two stage offers under advisement—one from Florenz Ziegfeld for a new "Follies" or possibly a "book" or story show, and another for Earl Carroll's "Vanities." A year ago, when Cantor went westward after his long stage run in "Whoops," to make the memorable picturization of the New Amsterdam Theatre hit, he promised himself and his family—meaning his wife, Ida, and his five daughters—that he was through with the stage forever. No one challenges his right to change his mind—that is, no one except Eddie and his family.

Cantor's literary activities are becoming increasingly successful—so much so, in fact, that Eddie is seriously contemplating a more intensive concentration on that field. "Caught Short" was an outstanding success; so was "My Life Is In Your Hands." Currently, "Yoo! Hoo! Prosperity" is attracting nation wide attention in book form after its serial publication in The Saturday Evening Post. His magazine stories find a quick market and great popularity. To him, it is a fertile and almost untouched field.

Lastly, then, Cantor has his family to consider. Ida, his wife, with whom he grew up in the East Side tenements of New York, his five daughters, ranging in age from four to fifteen, know that the more of a career he pursues, particularly on the stage or screen, with its night work, its constant travel and public attention, the less family he will have. He likes California. He thinks it a fine country to bring up the Cantor girls. He has a great mansion in Great Neck, Long Island, that is closed during his long tours.

And so Eddie Cantor is wondering. The fortune-telling exposures of "Palmy Days" help him none at all. "Flying High."

Thanks for a huge new aluminum plane which permits a camera to be carried high in the air, there to operate hither and yon at will, one of the most unusual "shots" ever made in a motion picture appears in "Flying High," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The "shot" concerns a brilliant song and dance number, "Happy Landings." When the scene first appears on the screen, the camera apparently is hovering over a huge aviation field, from which scores of "ships" are arising. Suddenly, however, the field slips away, disclosing two score of gorgeously beautiful girls, who perform an intricate dance manoeuvre as directed by Busby Berkeley, responsible for the ensembles of "Whoopie." Kathryn Crawford is the featured singer of the number.

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The "Happy Landings" number is but one of four new songs which are interspersed between the drooleries of Bert Lahr, America's most imitated comedian, Charlotte Greenwood, Pat O'Brien, Kathryn Crawford, Charles Winninger, Hedda Hopper, Guy Kibbee and others. Other numbers include "Dance Until the Dawn" and "The Examination Number." These are by Dorothy Fields and James McHugh. A fourth slapstick, Lahr-Greenwood number, "The First Time for Me," is by De Sylva, Brown and Henderson, who with McGowan wrote the original stage success.

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Oslo.....	—	10 1/4
Helsingfors.....	215	215
Buenos Aires.....	300	300
Athens.....	30 3/4	30 3/4
Shanghai.....	1/8.1/16	1/8.1/16
New York.....	3.80	3.80
Amsterdam.....	9.37 1/2	9.37 1/2
Vienna.....	32	32
Madrid.....	50	50
Bucharest.....	53 1/2	53 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/3	1/3
Manila.....	27.07 1/2	27.10
Milan.....	73 1/2	74
Stockholm.....	19.45	19.45
Copenhagen.....	18.5/16	18.5/16
Prague.....	128 1/2	128 1/2
Lisbon.....	110	109 1/2
Rio.....	4.1/16	4.3/32
Bombay.....	1/6.1/32	1/6.1/32
Yokohama.....	1/9	1/9
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## BANDITS SEIZE PASSENGERS IN HONAN.

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Japan .....	Heian Maru .....	April 17.
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Australia and Manila .....	Kitano Maru .....	April 21.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 2nd April) .....	Pres. Taft .....	April 22.
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Japan .....	Rio de Janeiro Maru .....	April 22.

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For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia .....	Lycan .....	Wed., Apr. 13, 2.30 p.m.
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Bangkok .....	Fingal .....	Wed., Apr. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Sanshui & Wuchow .....	Tai Hing .....	Wed., Apr. 13, 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi .....	Gango .....	Wed., April 13, K.P.O.
Reg., .....	Apr. 13, 3 p.m.	
Letters .....	Apr. 13, 4 p.m.	
Reg., .....	Apr. 13, 3.45 p.m.	
Letters .....	Apr. 13, 4.30 p.m.	
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Port Bayard .....	Sun Kong .....	Wed., Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard .....	Tai Poo Sek .....	Thurs., Apr. 14, 11.30 a.m.
Amoy .....	Tjisadane .....	Thurs., Apr. 14, 1.30 p.m.
Holbow and Bangkok .....	Kwongyang .....	Thurs., Apr. 14, 1.30 p.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Foochow .....	Hal Ning .....	Thurs., Apr. 14, 2 p.m.
Swatow .....	Hydrangea .....	Thurs., Apr. 14, 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta .....	Talamba .....	Thurs., Apr. 14.
Manila .....	Parcels .....	4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles .....	Yasukuni Maru .....	Fri., Apr. 15, K.P.O.
Reg., .....	Apr. 15, 10 a.m.	
Letters .....	Apr. 15, 1 p.m.	
Reg., .....	Apr. 15, 12.45 p.m.	
Letters .....	Apr. 15, 1.30 p.m.	
(Due Marseilles, 11th May) .....	—	
Swatow and Bangkok .....	Muinam .....	Fri., Apr. 15, 1 p.m.
Amoy .....	Tsinan .....	Fri., Apr. 15, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U. S. A., Central and S. America and *Europe via Victoria B. C. .....	Pres. Cleveland .....	Fri., April 15.
Reg., .....	Apr. 15, 3 p.m.	
Letters .....	Apr. 15, 4.15 p.m.	
(Due Victoria B. C. 3rd May) .....	—	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia .....	Pres. Cleveland .....	Fri., April 15.
Reg., .....	Apr. 15, 5 p.m.	
Letters .....	Apr. 15, 5 p.m.	
Haiphong .....	Canton .....	Sat., Apr. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Japan .....	Fushimi Maru .....	Sat., Apr. 16, 8.30 p.m.
Manila .....	Pres. Hayes .....	Sat., Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Manila .....	Asama Maru .....	Sat., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow .....	Heian Maru .....	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
*Swatow, *Amoy and Foochow .....	Halnyang .....	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow .....	Kwangchow .....	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Amoy .....	Kutsang .....	Mon., Apr. 18, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *Central and *South America and *Europe via San Francisco .....	Yasukuni Maru .....	Tues., Apr. 19.
Reg., .....	Apr. 19, 5 p.m.	
Letters .....	Apr. 19, 5.30 a.m.	
(Due San Francisco, 18th May) .....	—	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island .....	Changto .....	Tues., Apr. 19.
Reg., .....	Apr. 19, 5 p.m.	
Letters .....	Apr. 19, 5.30 a.m.	
(Due Thursday Island 20th April) .....	—	
Japan and *South American ports .....	Ginyo Maru .....	Tues., Apr. 19, 10 a.m.
Swatow .....	Norvik .....	Wed., Apr. 20, 8.30 a.m.

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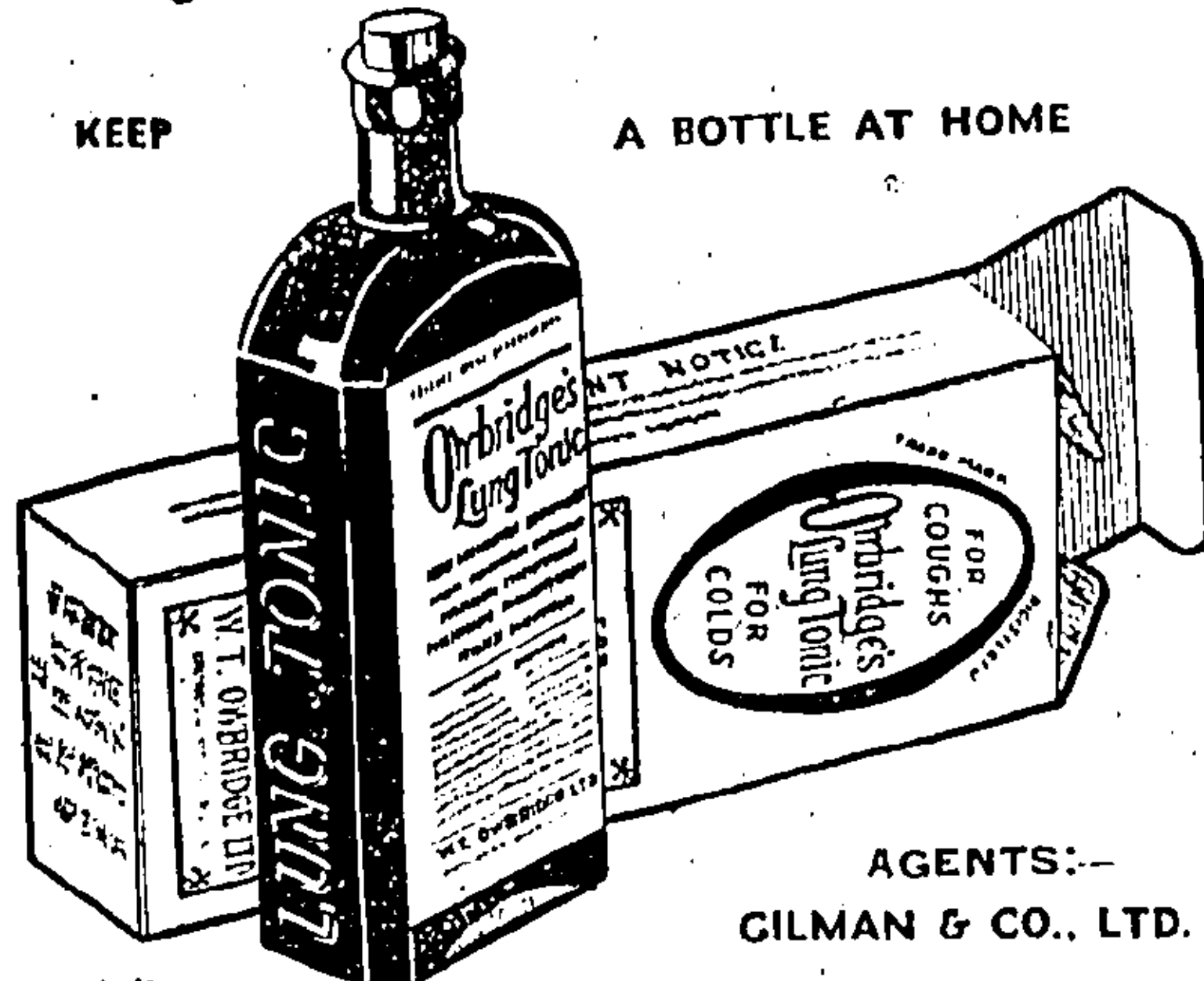
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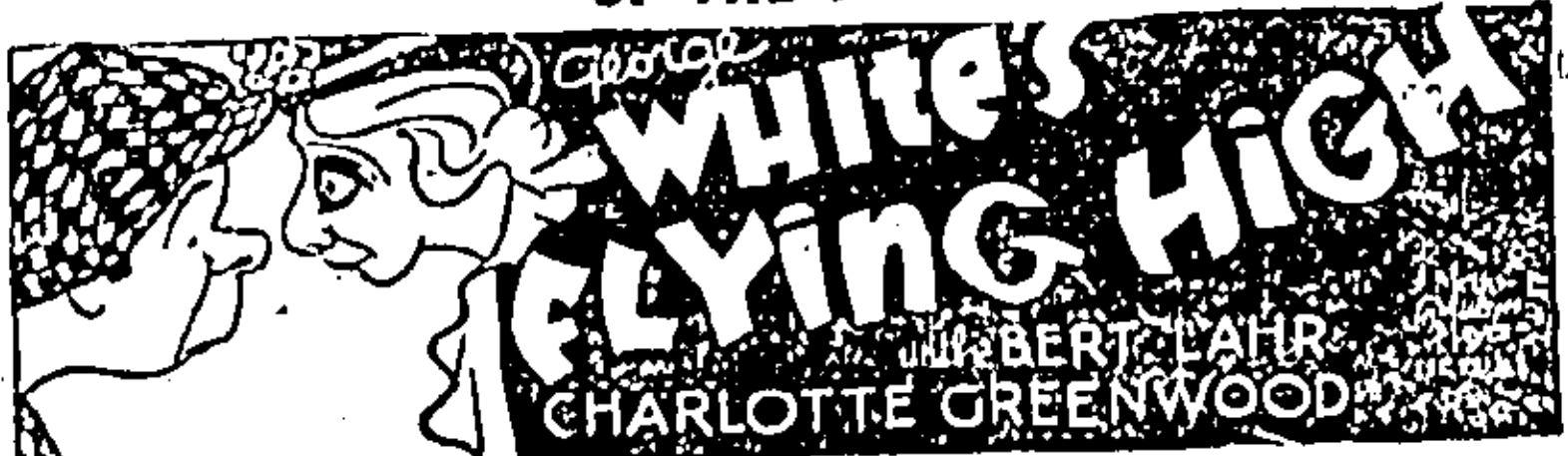
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### TO-DAY'S RECIPES.

#### Orange Gravy.

Pigeons, game, and wild fowl are delicious served with this sauce instead of gravy.

Simmer over the fire half a pint of stock, one small onion (chopped), the grated rind of half a lemon, pepper, salt, and two bay leaves. In ten or fifteen minutes draw the pan aside and add the juice of the whole orange and a glass of port wine, if desired.

Before serving strain and reheat.

#### Orange Snowballs.

Here is a dish that the kiddies love. Boil half a pound of rice for about ten minutes. While it is draining peel four large oranges and scrape them free from pith. Divide the rice into four portions and spread each on a damp cloth; roll an orange in each and tie the cloth round. Boil the snowballs for an hour and a half, then turn carefully on to a dish and sprinkle with sugar.

#### Orange Loaves.

For the sweet the orange must be preserved beforehand, but it is quite simple and makes a useful sweet to fall back upon in time of emergency.

Cut the fruit in halves and squeeze the juice (this can be used up separately) and scrape the peels free from pith.

Boil them until the bitterness is extracted, then lay them in syrup for two days. On the third day strain the liquor off and boil it to a nice consistency. Replace the peels and bottle for use.

When required take out a sufficient number for a dish and fill each peel with a good pudding mixture or custard, and bake.

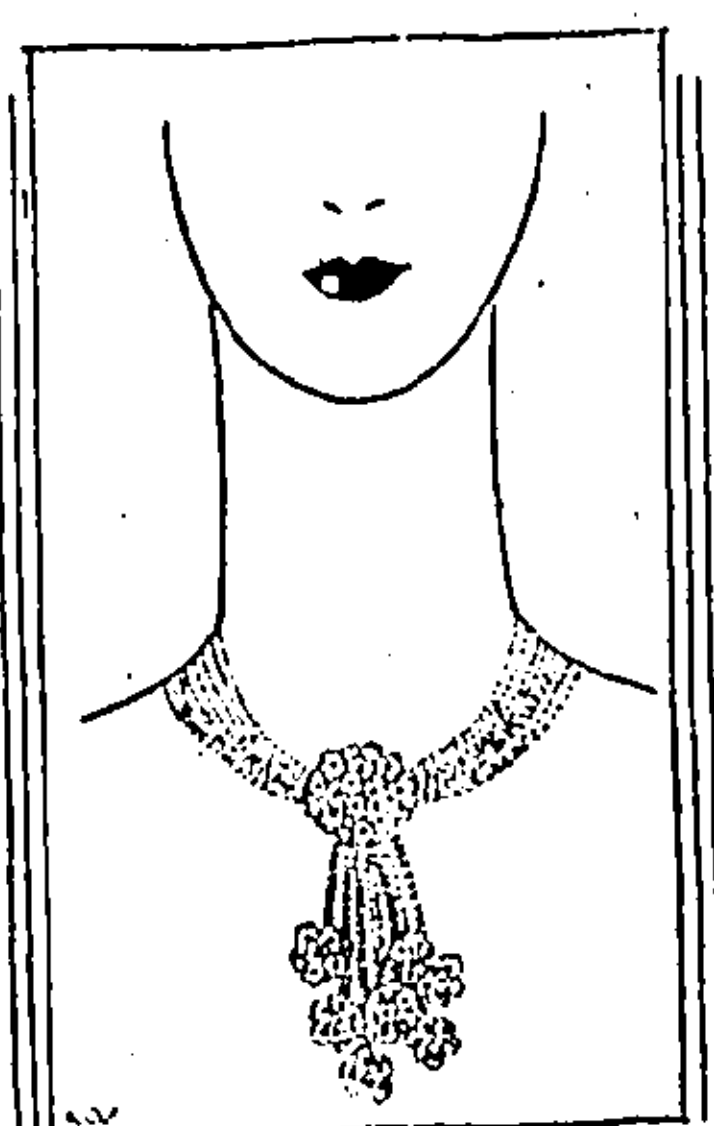
#### Orange à la Russe.

A dainty cold sweet is always useful. For this one make a syrup of six ounces of sugar and half a pint of water. Boil for five minutes then add four large oranges, peeled, quartered, and with the pips removed. Boil a further five minutes, drain the orange quarters and dissolve half an ounce of gelatine in the syrup.

Arrange the quarters round a ring mould and fill it up with the liquor.

When set turn out the jelly ring and fill the middle with whipped cream or jelly à la Russe. To prepare this make half a pint of jelly in a different colour from the mould, and when cold, but not set, whisk it on until it is spongy and very light.

### Latest Necklace.



Strands of tiny silver beads and clusters of coral form a new French necklace.

### TWO OF THE LATEST SPORTS OUTFITS.



Sun yellow and white rayon crepe fashion the sports outfit at the left, of sleeveless dress and flaring short jacket with seven eighth sleeves. The frock has an unusual cut, with white on the shoulder yoke yellow. The jacket is all-yellow, with white on its cuffs and shoulder bow. The all-white rayon crepe costume at right is a short-sleeved dress with round neckline and front bow, topped by a little jacket with full sleeves.

### NEW HATS.

(By a London Correspondent.)

It would seem that much creative genius has gone to the making of the new and exciting millinery.

Trimings are to be more attractive, more varied, and more original than ever before; in fact, the actual foundation may be exquisitely simple in character, but the designer has spared no effort to make the feathery oddments, braid bands of multi-colours, petersham cockades and flowers as artistic as possible.

Perhaps I should say, especially flowers, because ribbon flowers are being used, and tulip flowers, and velvet ones, all soft and floppy, as well as large varnished carnations which are stiff and elegant and in harmony with chip straws and the tailleur.

Just as neat and sophisticated is a cap in which bands of straw alternate with silk net. Straw is also seen with striped silk, and plaid effects are popular in hats of two materials; sometimes the straw is patterned or the material shows lines contrasting vividly.

#### Lace Motifs.

We are also to expect a vogue for lace on hats. It is difficult to predict how great will be the popularity of such a mode, but the examples I have seen are very attractive.

A fine, black straw, lifted on the left side and dipping—not too

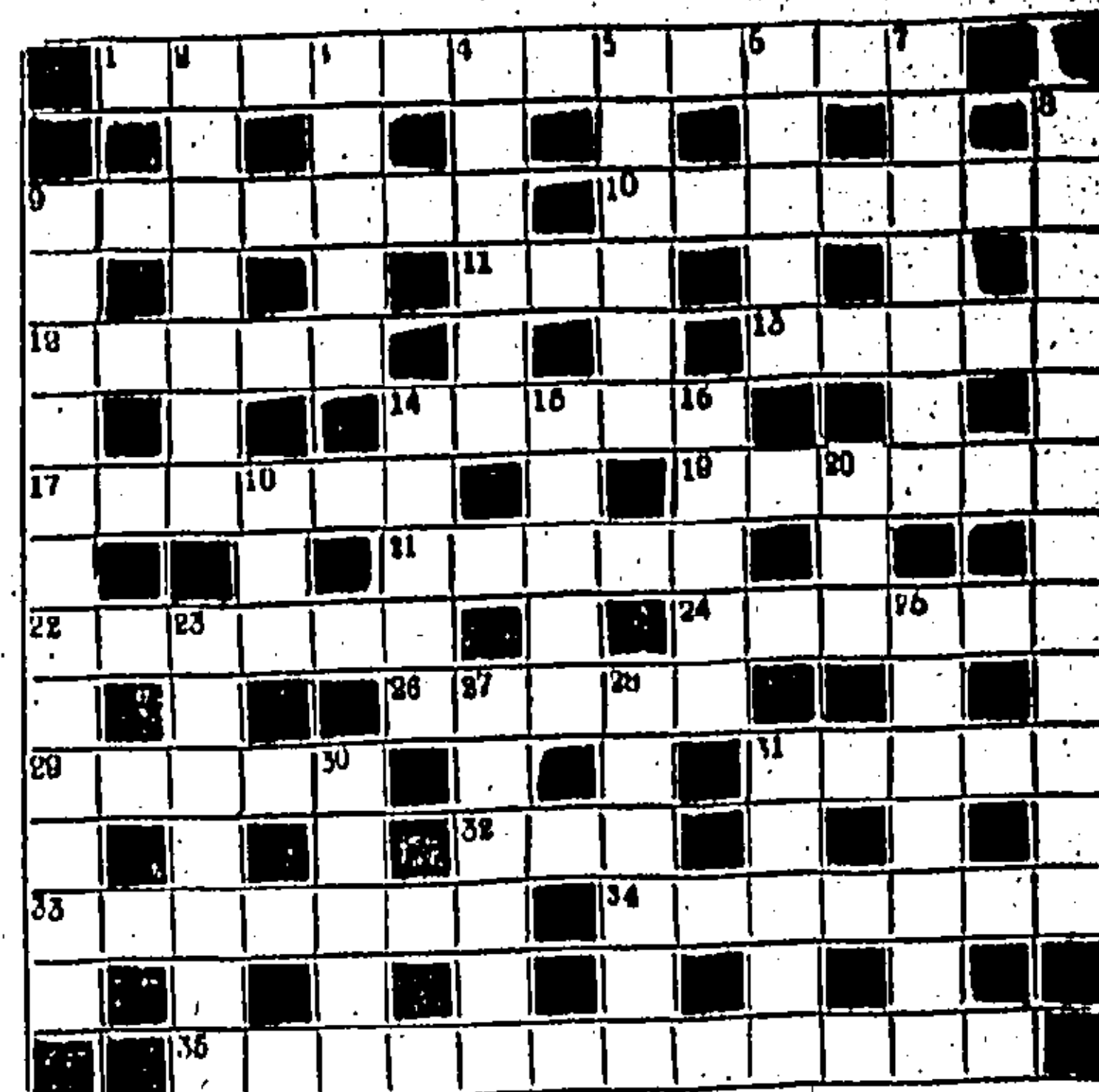
perilously—on the other, shows motifs of very fine, pliable straw, and a model from an important collection has a straight-brim of the sailor-hat type. In the crown the straw is patterned, and two flat, bright flowers in cloth complete a shape intended as a frame for a youthful face. Loops of cloth go on other hats, and on the shinniest straws are small quills, gold-tinted, or little clusters of fruit.

#### The Tricorne Again.

The tricorne style persists. This has the correct military appearance to coincide with so many of the new clothes. Coarse shiny straws are well adapted to this austere shape. Green tricorues seem the most popular of all, and this is almost the only shape on which flowers are rarely seen. Instead, materials in loops, petersham ribbon bows, and white appliques help the milliner on her busy way of trimming the tricorne without spoiling its shape.

Something very much like last season's bores is shaped from strips of deer skin, boldly stitched with white threads, or bright red or green, with gloves stitched in the same way. Of course, the new berets leave one side of the head exposed; they won't fit properly if tipped to the back of the head.

### OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



#### Across

- 1 Tree burst car (anag.).
- 9 "Moby to mean yes an' say no Comes — to women" (Lowell, "The Courtin'").
- 10 Private entrance made when the office is taken into the back part of the ship.
- 11 Soda in water, for instance.
- 12 Sent a telegram that finished a Bolshevik.
- 13 Lends a grinding life.
- 14 Indulge in a little well deserved repose after your century, as it is top.
- 17 Trial by this was abolished in 1218.
- 18 London suburb.
- 21 A shopkeeper who has lost all aspiration might still be useful for basket making.
- 22 Large Hindustani antelope.
- 24 Chinese boat frequently used as a residence.
- 26 Give them a little more for this subject.
- 29 Less than little, as in this.
- 31 There's a car at the corner: better secure it (hidden).
- 32 One of the Tribes of Israel.
- 33 Touching, but not to the point of tears.
- 34 The scene of many a pilgrimage in France.
- 35 Deal out again.

#### Down

- 2 You may take a high tone to begin with, but to be changed is the right thing.
- 3 Thoroughly fed up—or in bed.
- 4 This skate is not edible.
- 5 Poster (anag.).

- 6 Stage favourite (surname).
- 7 "Do good by — and blush to find it done" (Pope, "Epilogue to the Satires").
- 8 He who turns King's Evidence does.
- 9 North American country.
- 14 Painful on the head, but useful for resting from June onwards.
- 15 Cat off.
- 16 Irish to a certain extent, but short and to the point.
- 18 Put a bar round it for the mendicant.
- 20 The rug is upside down.
- 23 Famous swimmer.
- 25 After all, the sweet little thing and her dowry are rather green.
- 27 Scottish dish.
- 28 All right when rotten.
- 30 Ten is one of this one.
- 31 Under the crust.

#### Yesterday's Solution.

THE BRENT AR  
DRAWER RANDAN  
I GAVE A BANN  
SPARTA ANNOUNC  
I M DANCE A  
STRIFF STEALING  
IN N Y C  
DISGUST SHUFFLE  
E P V A I E  
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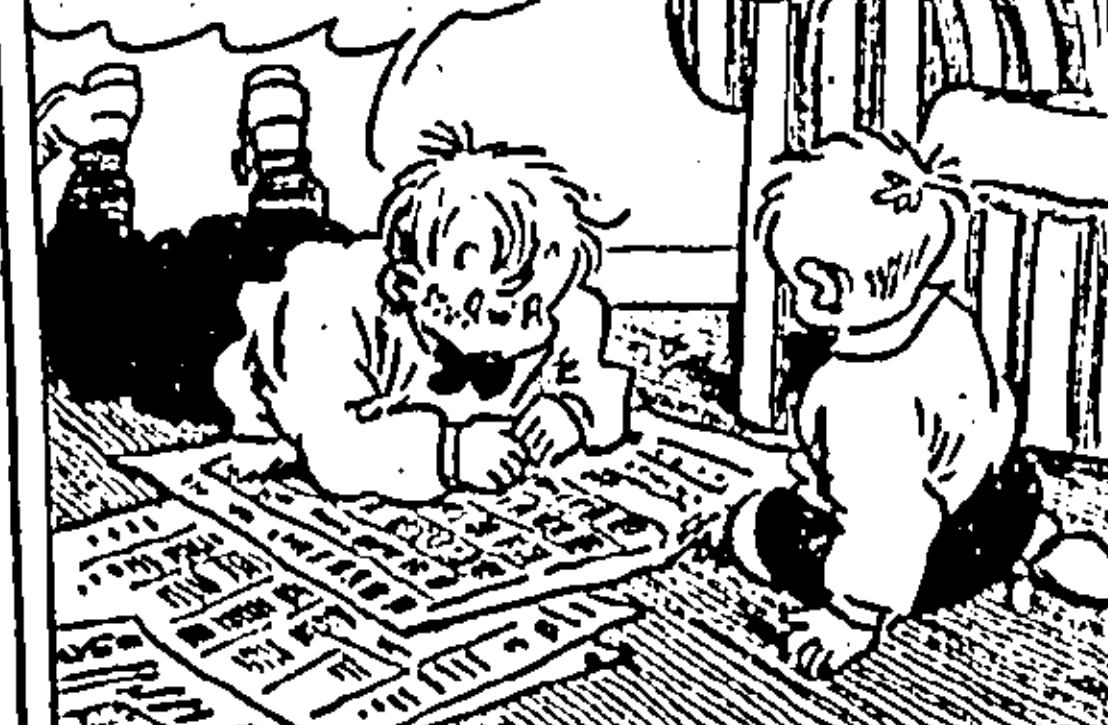
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### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

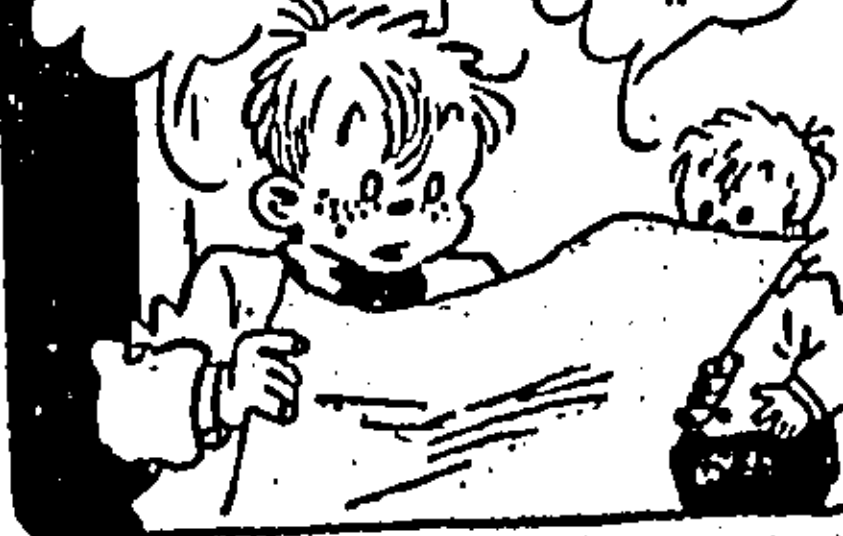
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CROWN COLONY  
PREFERENCES.

Contrary to earlier indications,  
it would appear that the Straits  
Settlements, like the Federated  
Malay States, intend embarking on  
a policy of Imperial Preference,  
but on a very restricted scale. The  
idea took concrete form at a meet-  
ing of the Legislative Council last  
week, when resolutions were  
brought forward approving the im-  
position of duties giving a pre-  
ference to certain classes of im-  
ported goods made in Great Bri-  
tain, Ireland, the British Domi-  
nions or any Malay State under  
British protection. The plan is  
the outcome of telegrams from the  
Secretary of State announcing the  
intention of the Imperial Govern-  
ment to inaugurate a policy of  
granting preference to products of  
British Colonies and Dependencies,  
and expressing the hope that those  
Colonies and Dependencies whose  
tariffs do not at present provide  
for preferential tariffs would re-  
view the position with a view to  
reciprocation of the policy of the  
Mother Country.

When we come to look into the  
matter, however, we find that the  
proposed preferences amount to  
very little indeed; they were de-  
scribed by the Government spokes-  
man as "a gesture of goodwill,"  
and it is not intended that they  
should be regarded as revenue  
measures. The object, it was ex-  
plained, is to provide an effective  
preference as the short tariff of  
the Colony permits. The plan is  
not a prelude to the introduction  
of a wider tariff, with preference  
for British goods, as only such  
articles as are at present liable to  
duties are affected. The policy of  
the Government always has been,  
and still is, to keep the list of  
dutiable articles within the nar-  
rowest limits, and no depar-  
ture from this line of action  
which is now proposed. Even so,  
there is seemingly a fear that even  
in this limited form there may be  
an unfavourable reaction on the  
cost of living, as mention was  
made by the Government spokes-  
man of readjustments which might  
later on be found necessary should  
such a development occur. There

are, however, some hopes felt that  
the new move may provide a  
stimulus to local industries, but  
that remains to be seen. Inciden-  
tally, during the course of the  
Council's discussion, one of the  
Chinese members suggested that  
Ireland should be excluded from  
the list of countries to be granted  
preferences. His Excellency,  
however, smilingly replied that he  
could not accept this proposal.

Relatively harmless as the pro-  
posals appear to be, it is interest-  
ing to note that the Council was  
in no mood to give its consent  
offhand. One of the Unofficial  
members declared that three days'  
notice of such a drastic change in  
the 100 years' old policy of the  
Colony was totally insufficient,  
and, on his suggestion, the ques-  
tion was deferred for later con-  
sideration. Like Hongkong, the  
Straits Settlements have a very  
restricted list of dutiable articles,  
and all the duties are imposed for  
purely revenue purposes. It will  
thus be seen that the proposed pre-  
ferences are in reality of small im-  
portance. They may to some ex-  
tent affect revenue; in any case,  
they will complicate the situation.  
In all the circumstances, however,  
desirable it may be to stimulate  
British trade, the innovation scarce-  
ly seems worth while. No ques-  
tion of Hongkong joining in the  
movement has yet been brought  
forward, and it is difficult to see  
what advantage either this Colony  
or the Imperial Government would  
derive from a departure from  
established custom. Hongkong's  
best asset is, without question, its  
free-port status.

## Virtues in Slang.

The Times, writing in praise of  
Melba's voice, recently caused its  
readers a mild degree of perturba-  
tion by remarking, "There was  
more to Melba than that." This  
was not the first occasion in recent  
years on which the most august of  
the London dailies has admitted a  
slang word or phrase into its  
columns, showing how greatly the  
standards of correct speech have  
become relaxed since the days  
when Dr. Johnson described  
"clever" as a "low" word, and  
"stingy" as "low cant." It is, on  
the whole, a satisfactory thing  
that the English language should  
from time to time replenish and  
revivify itself by drawing on the  
treasures of popular and unlearned  
speech, of which slang forms  
no inconsiderable portion. In  
this way a language is saved from  
becoming pedantic, sterile, and  
overformal. In this way, too, fine  
and valuable words are preserved  
in common usage which otherwise  
would be lost. In the eighteenth  
century, for example, the term  
"ear" was comparatively rarely  
employed, and seemed in danger  
of vanishing from the language.  
It would no doubt have done so,  
had it not survived in the popular  
speech of Scotland, Ireland, and  
Devon. It was entirely owing to  
the lections of unlearned  
countrymen that this term was  
preserved in English, and thus  
kept ready for the day when the  
invention of mechanical transport  
made it universal and indispen-  
sable. Popular speech not only  
preserves the resources of a lan-  
guage, but adds to them. The  
slang of a year ago either is for-  
gotten or is the standard English  
of to-day. Such useful words as  
mag, pet, fad, and fun were once  
only slang expressions. And four  
slang words, lunch, snob, coke,  
and tram, have proved their worth  
so triumphantly that they have  
gained a place not only in reput-  
able English, but in foreign lan-  
guages as well. Let us therefore  
beware of despising slang merely  
as the language of those unable to  
speak standard English. Emphat-  
ically, there is more to slang than  
that.

## SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED  
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close  
of the sugar market yesterday has  
been received by Messrs. Pen-  
treath and Co.

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## DAY BY DAY

"WHAT IS" COUNTS FOR VERY  
LITTLE EVERY TIME YOU REFLECT  
THAT "WHAT IS" REPRESENTS THE  
CAUSE OF "WHAT SHALL BE."  
Fanche.

Mr. J. Kelleher arrived by the  
Change yesterday to join the staff of  
the South China Morning Post.

The Hon. Treasurer of the S. P. C.  
A. acknowledges with thanks a dona-  
tion of \$10 from Mr. R. A. D. Forrest  
in memory of the late Mr. M. Manuk.

Amongst the passengers who left  
by the Blue Funnel liner Patroclus to-  
day were Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen  
Hughes, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. L.  
Guy, Mr. J. Thayer, Mr. B. E. Fielder  
and Mr. J. B. Lanyon.

Admitting a charge of having failed  
to stop when called upon to do so  
by a police officer, a boatman was  
fined \$20 or two weeks' imprisonment  
by the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Mar-  
ine Court this morning.

The lecture by the Rev. Errie C. H.  
Tribbeck on Ibsen's Peer Gynt, which  
was to have been given in the Sailors'  
and Soldiers' Home this evening, at  
8.30 p.m., has been postponed on  
account of the prevailing epidemic.

Mr. P. C. Barrand will deliver a  
paper on "The Ljungstrom Steam  
Turbine" in the premises of the In-  
stitution of Engineers & Shipbuilders  
of Hongkong, on Thursday, April 14,  
at 6.30 p.m. The lecture will be illus-  
trated by lantern slides.

Charged before the Hon. Comdr.  
Hole, at the Marine Court this morn-  
ing, with having used his boat for  
the purpose of conveying prostitutes  
within the limits of the harbour, a  
boatman was convicted and fined \$50,  
or six weeks' imprisonment.

Mr. T. G. Stokes, of the Kowloon  
Canton Railway, reported to the po-  
lice yesterday that, whilst driving his  
motor car at the Star Ferry Wharf,  
Kowloon, at 10.30 a.m., an eight-year-  
old Chinese girl ran out from under  
the shelter of the wharf and was  
knocked down, receiving injuries to  
her face.

Those who have not yet seen "Palmy  
Days," now showing at the King's  
Theatre, should make a point of doing  
so before the attraction concludes its  
run. This bright and snappy film,  
produced on lavish lines, is running  
until Saturday. It is extremely good  
entertainment, showing Eddie Can-  
dior at his best, and provides cinema-  
goers with a picture distinctly above  
the average run.

At the annual meeting of the St.  
Andrew's Branch of the Victoria  
Diocesan and Missionary Association,  
to be held in St. Andrew's Church,  
Hall, Kowloon, at 9 p.m. to-morrow  
(Thursday), Dr. M. O. Pfister is giving  
a lecture, illustrated by lantern views,  
on a trip through Yunnan to the  
Sacred Mountain of Omi. There is no  
charge for admission and the meeting  
is open to any who wish to come.  
There will be a retiring collection in  
aid of the funds of the V.D.M.A.

At yesterday's meeting of the  
Sanitary Board, Mr. G. R. Sayer  
(Chairman) declared that he regret-  
ted the loss of the services of Mr. T.  
N. Chan, but congratulated Mr. M.  
K. Lo on his appointment to Mr.  
Chan's position. Those present at  
the Board meeting were Mr. Sayer,  
Hon. Mr. Harold T. Creasy (Vice-  
Chairman), Dr. G. W. Pope, Mr. M.  
K. Lo, Mr. P. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. de  
Castro Basto, Mr. L. G. F. Bellamy  
and Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary).



"That's the beauty of a sea voyage on this line. You never  
know you're on a ship."

SIR MAX PEMBERTON on

## NASTY NOVELS.

PRINCE GEORGE has been  
talking to the Book Trade  
Provident Society about the novel,  
and all who seek what is best in  
fiction are his debtors for the  
words.

Incidentally, the Prince made  
some admissions. He told us that  
he reads dozens of novels, "many  
of which should have been operat-  
ed upon for gangrene at a point  
approximately two-thirds of the  
way through."

## Absolute Licence.

The misfortune of these words  
is that they are wholly true.  
Nothing, I am convinced, has so  
astonished the average citizen as  
the absolute licence permitted to  
the novelist during the last decade.  
While the theatre may still be  
visited by the police for an inde-  
cency; while American film pro-  
ducers dance a fandango in the  
outer halls of adultery, the novel-  
ist boldly takes the plunge and  
defies all authority.

"Prosecute me," he says in  
effect, "and you will make my for-  
tune. Stop my book because it  
deals with unnatural offences, and  
the bookshops of the Continent  
will rejoice. Indeed, they will  
offer the volume beneath the  
flaming placard, 'Banned in Eng-  
land.'"

## Raking the Ashes.

So the garbage is cultivated  
with impunity. Long-haired peo-  
ple with vanishing voices tell us  
that is art. Begoggled maidens of  
ripe age and weight protest that  
we must write of "life as it is."  
The mirror among these acts is  
not held up to Nature; it is held  
down. The ashes of the nether  
hell are turned with lantern and  
with muckrake, and everywhere  
there is the reeking odour that  
revolts.

Let it be said that nobody would  
seek to re-establish the sickly  
hypocrisy of the Victorian Age, nor  
to revive the Richardson-Fielding  
controversy of the 18th century.  
Our grandfathers believed (in  
fiction) that no woman lacked  
virtue, and that if the Devil did  
not catch the sinner in the last  
chapter the book was evil. The  
18th century wrangled over "Tom  
Jones," and clever Lady Mary  
Montagu had to inscribe her copy  
"Ne Plus Ultra" before she per-  
suaded her friends to read it.  
Parents, nevertheless, continued to  
put their copies under the bed and  
parsons to denounce it. Yet  
Thackeray, in his preface to "Pen-  
dennis," described it as the great-  
est picture of "a man" he had met  
with.

If this were so in England,  
France, that land of just freedom  
in literature, also had her troubles.

## Flaubert and Zola.

One of the world's greatest  
novels, Flaubert's "Madame Bo-  
vary," was violently assailed by  
priests and puritans, and its mas-  
terly author brought to trial at  
Rouen. Great poets and thinkers  
went from Paris to Normandy to  
defend a genius and succeeded.  
Later on there came the hubbub  
about Zola's "La Terre"—a nasty  
book which sent an English trans-  
lator to prison and brought forth  
champions of the cesspool whom  
one pities.

Perhaps that amazing aberration  
of a great intellect, "La Garconne,"  
really started the muck-writers  
here upon their unbridled way.  
They began to "try it on," and  
were astonished by the liberty per-  
mitted to them. Words and phrases

they would never dare to use be-  
fore decent women were interjected  
freely into their stories. They  
sought their types in Chelsea  
studios (though many a Chelsea  
studio would quickly throw them to  
the gutter), and the poultry yard  
was a second home to them.

Of tales to tell they had none.  
Of that romance "which holdeth  
children from play and old men  
from the chimney corner," as Sir  
Philip Sidney wrote, they were  
ever ignorant. "Abandon  
decency all ye who enter here!"  
might well have been the slogan  
written on their door-posts. They  
were possessed neither of shame  
nor sense.

## Hardy's Opinion.

The year before Thomas Hardy  
died I had a long talk with him  
about the English novel and its  
modern tendency.

What seemed to perplex that  
great writer more than anything  
else was the great lack of invention  
among the modern school.

"When you and I began to write,"  
he said—"I was properly proud of  
his comprehensiveness—we had to  
find a beginning, a middle, and an  
end to our stories. Nowadays, the  
books I read begin in the middle  
and have no end."

It was very true—and I cannot  
help but wonder what Hardy would  
have said could he have read some  
of our latest fiction and learnt that  
it had been published with im-  
punity.

Sometimes I hear it urged, and  
with little justice, that women are  
chiefly responsible for these out-  
rageous screeds. Punch, it is true,  
showed us an old gentleman hand-  
ling a modern novel to his wife and  
saying that it was very good but  
that their daughter must not read  
it. "Too late," said the mother.  
"she wrote it."

## No Stories to Tell.

In the main, though there have  
been and are unpleasant exceptions,  
this class of book is the work of  
men whose presenting of Art and  
Art's necessities merely disgusts.  
They have no stories to tell, and so  
they go to the sewers. The police  
routinely interfere with them, and the  
booksellers tell you that they must  
sell something.

How much we and they owed to  
that gifted storyteller who is gone  
—Edgar Wallace, the giant among  
us!

WE HAVE TOO  
MANY POSERS.By ST. VINCENT  
TROUBRIDGE.

WE all know them, only too well  
—the posers! They are the  
men and women who devote a sub-  
stantial portion of their brains and  
energy to presenting to the world a  
picture of themselves which is not  
based upon reality. Once the posing  
bug has bitten them, the virtues and  
qualities which they do possess  
count as nothing in their sight.

Men who headed the rush to pay  
their taxes in advance will insist  
upon being regarded as serious  
rivals to Bobby Jones in spite of  
their lamentable week-end perfor-  
mances on the links. Women will  
cast away the fame of being ideal  
wives and mothers to preen them-  
selves as tearing beauties in spite  
of the clearest looking-glass evi-  
dence to the contrary.

## Those Helens of Troy.

This latter, which one may term  
the Helen of Troy pose, is quite sur-  
prisingly common. Because the  
mysterious forces of sex-appeal can  
sometimes dispense with beauty of  
feature, numerous women go  
through life in the profound con-  
viction that their faces could launch  
a thousand ships. This conviction  
they maintain in the face of all  
opposition, even the opposition of  
Nature herself.

The sporting pose is prevalent,  
too, though perhaps more difficult  
to sustain than many of the others.  
The continued assumption of golf-  
ing prowess, for instance, is very  
apt to be met by a definite chal-  
lenge, while the thruster in the  
club or office hunting field also runs  
considerable danger of being con-  
fronted with a live horse and a real  
pack of hounds.

But it is in the field of music  
that posing and affectations of all  
kinds reach their supreme achieve-  
ments. It is so dead easy. All  
that is required is to half close the  
eyes, assume an expression known  
to the nursery as "a dying duck in  
a thunderstorm," and the trick is  
done. Add occasional exclamations  
of rapture, and you will pass for a  
musical connoisseur without the  
necessity for displaying any other  
knowledge of the difference between  
the saving of kings and the popping  
of veneers.

Does posing pay? How far do  
the posers deceive the world at  
large? How far do they deceive  
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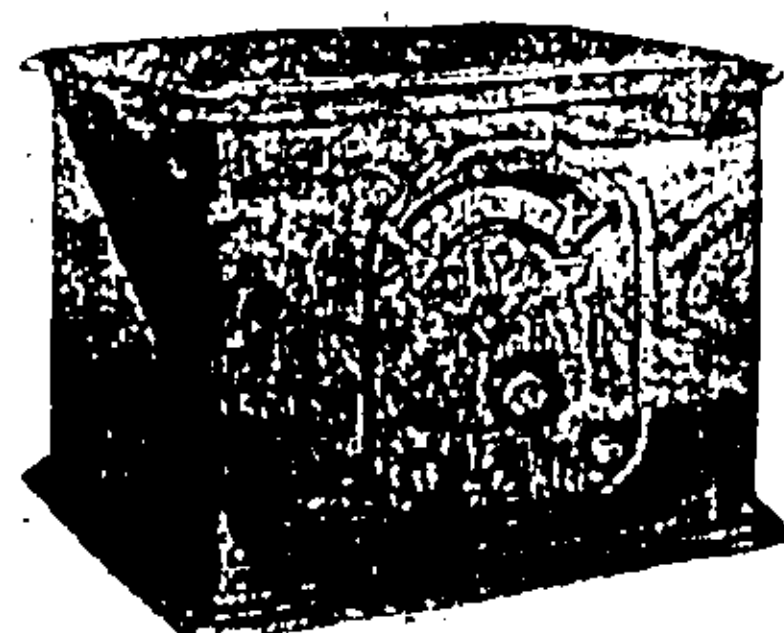
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### SLUM AREAS.

#### REBUILDING QUESTION AT SANITARY BOARD.

"Nothing would please me more than to see the disappearance of these slum areas, but if they are to exist, will it not be better for them to be with sanitary conveniences than without," declared Mr. M. K. Lo at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The question arose following a discussion on an application for the erection of five water closets at No. 15, New Market Street and No. 8, Connaught Road West. Consideration of the application was adjourned to enable the Board to see the premises.

Mr. G. R. Sayer (President) told the Board that the Select Committee dealing with the application had unanimously recommended that the Board refuse the application. Hon. Mr. H. T. Crenay, Director of Public Works, declaring that the building was unsuitable and he did not want to perpetuate the type.

Mr. Lo said that it was really reverting to the old question of whether the Board would use its power as a lever to cause the rebuilding of old houses, a policy to which the Board had previously agreed it would not adhere. He would be inconsistent in supporting the motion unless he was assured that that was not being done in this case.

Mr. Sayer—it is not a case of using a lever; the building is simply not suitable.

Mr. F. C. Hall—I must support Mr. Lo. If a building is unfit for a water closet, it must be unfit for human habitation.

Hon. Mr. Crenay and Dr. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, declared that the premises were insufficiently ventilated.

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto said he would like to take a look at the premises and on his request, the matter was adjourned.

### FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

#### G. SINGH'S BRILLIANT PLAY FOR RADIO.

In a friendly hockey match on the Caroline Hill ground yesterday afternoon the Radio Sports Club beat the German Club by six goals to nil.

The Radio team were vastly superior to their opponents and through the efforts of G. Singh at centre-forward established a strong lead in the first half when they scored four times. G. Singh being responsible for three of the goals and K. Singh for the other. G. Singh again netted in the second half when A. Singh scored a sixth.

Neither team was at full strength. For the Radio G. Jack at centre-half and G. Singh were outstanding, while Muller tried hard for the German Club but always found the Radio defence too good.

### LAWN TENNIS.

#### BODIKER AND LEUNG TO PLAY HERE.

Two of the leading Canton players, G. Bodiker, the singles champion, and Leung Tak-kyong, the runner-up, will be playing against local players on Thursday and Friday on the stand court.

Both Bodiker and Leung have defeated E. C. Fincher and M. W. Lo in the Interport contest between Hongkong and Canton, but S. A. Ramjahn has defeated them both during some of his week-end visits to Canton.

University Tennis.  
The following will represent the Engineering Faculty in a University inter-faculty tennis match against the Medics this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. at Pokfulam:

Prof. F. A. Redmond, L. A. Oppenheim, P. L. Tan, K. M. Lo, W. Fletcher and L. A. de Silva (Capt.).

### TENNIS DOUBLES FINAL.

#### NOW INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.C.C. that the tennis doubles championship final, which had to be postponed yesterday by reason of inclement weather, and which it was hoped might have been played to-day, has now been postponed indefinitely.

The match will take place on the first available day on which the weather and court are suitable, the date to be announced later.

### FRIENDLY CRICKET. HONGKONG C.C. ELEVEN AGAINST KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2 p.m. at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), A. C. Beck, Captain R. L. Burnett, R.N., E. R. Duckitt, J. E. Richardson, Lt. A. M. Anstuthur, R.E., D. McLellan, L. T. Ride, W. D. Folloy, J. E. Potter and A. D. Lawson.



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### WE HAVE TOO MANY POSERS.

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themselves? Have they found one of the secret roads to happiness?

When the Trouble Begins.

There is no question that we all of us require some sort of armour against the blows of life. This armour generally contains an element of make-believe, but it is our true friend under the accepted name of self-confidence.

Our hearts are, in fact, reasonably stout and brave, so nobody, ourselves included, is a penny the worse for our day-dream moments as they bear some relationship, however remote, to the facts and possibilities of our lives.

With the posers, however, this safeguard is removed. They begin with the perhaps natural desire to impress others. This proves surprisingly easy.

Flushed with this success, the posers pass imperceptibly from deceiving others to deceiving themselves—and this is their downfall.

Posers are never popular figures because your true posers believe so profoundly in their own baseless legend that they have become abnormal. They are suffering from a mild form of dementia and their normal bellows feel instinctively repelled.

However tiresome they may be, there is still something pathetic in these folk who fight so desperately in defence of the phantasms of their imagination. They are akin to the famous comedians with secret yearnings to appear as Hamlet. They are also of our kin, for in all our day-dreams be the seeds of posing. So when their airs and affectations prove most maddening, we should return them the soft answer and murmur to ourselves: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

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## THESE BULLION BROKERS.

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after-dinner joke. When he has finished laughing, he is in such a good mood that he will tell you all he knows. Unfortunately it never amounts to very much. (Laughter).

### Frustrated Hopes.

Well, gentlemen, I could go on indefinitely but I shall be getting the bankers on my track. However, I hope that I have said enough to show that, like all of you, we have our worries, and that life with us is not one long rickshaw ride. Next time you hear a shouting in the street and are nearly knocked over by a bullion broker's coolies, do not vent your anger on him, even if he looks as though he owned the President Hoover. Think rather of his frustrated hopes and agony of mind, and remember that underneath that pretty buttonhole his heart may be as heavy as the silver market.

I do not suppose I shall address you again on this subject for the next fifteen or twenty years, but if I have dwelt to-day on the drawbacks of our profession, you may rest assured that next time I shall strike a more optimistic note. I shall be just thinking of retiring, and must get someone to buy my seat!—(Laughter and applause).

### A Banker's View.

The speaker was fittingly thanked by Mr. Li Tse-fong, of the Bank of East Asia, who found a few things to say about bullion brokers. In the course of a brief but laughable address, Mr. Li remarked: As a bank manager I have to spend a lot of my time in interviewing brokers every morning, and many bankers consider that these interviews are a sheer waste of time.—(Laughter). I, myself, consider that, sometimes, they are rather useful, if not helpful, because when business is slack their coming in and going out all the time gives the appearance of great activity (laughter) and when business is brisk their views on music, pianos (laughter), racing and golf gives me great relief in the morning's routine work which has to be done as quickly as possible.

He continued: In my opinion, the lot of the broker is not at all an unhappy one, and if Mr. Bowdler is thinking of selling his seat I can give him an offer.—(Applause). Subject to satisfactory arrangements, I am perfectly willing to change positions whenever he wishes it.—(Laughter and applause).

### Magnificent Hospitality.

The Chairman: Before closing the meeting I would ask you to join with me in thanking the Dollar Steamship Company for their magnificent hospitality.—(Applause).

I also wish to thank the passengers who are non-Rotarians, on this ship, for having borne with us to-day. I didn't notice any raspberries coming towards the speaker but, as he said, there are no bananas, though I believe there were some in the fruit cellars.—(Laughter).

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Company and the Captain.

### The Next Meeting.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman reminded members that next Tuesday's meeting would be held as usual, in Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant.

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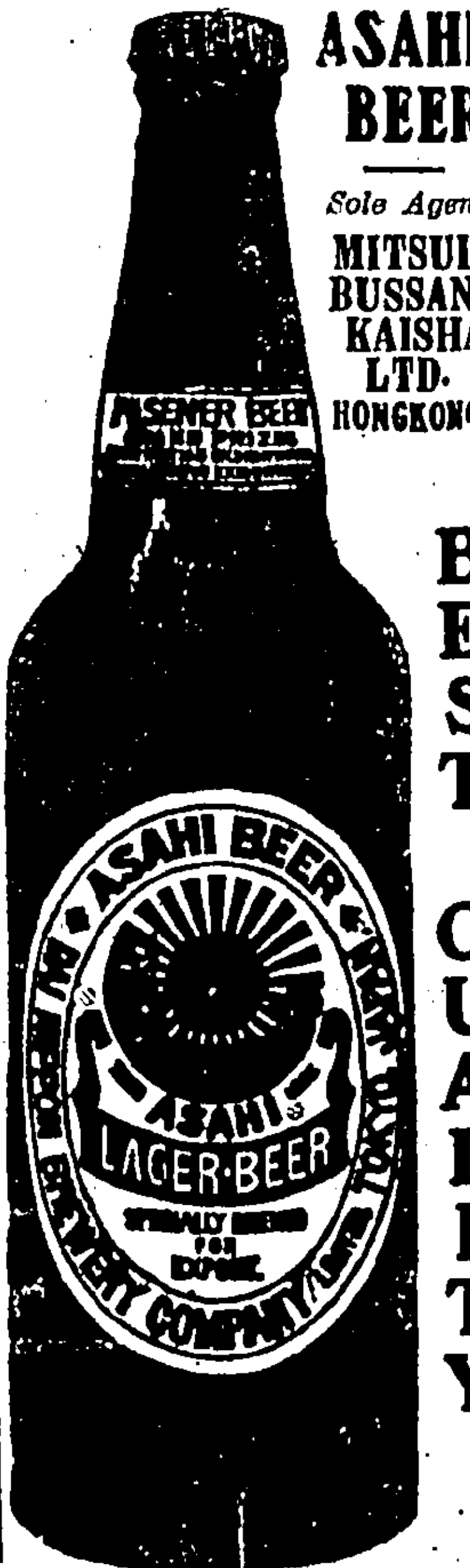
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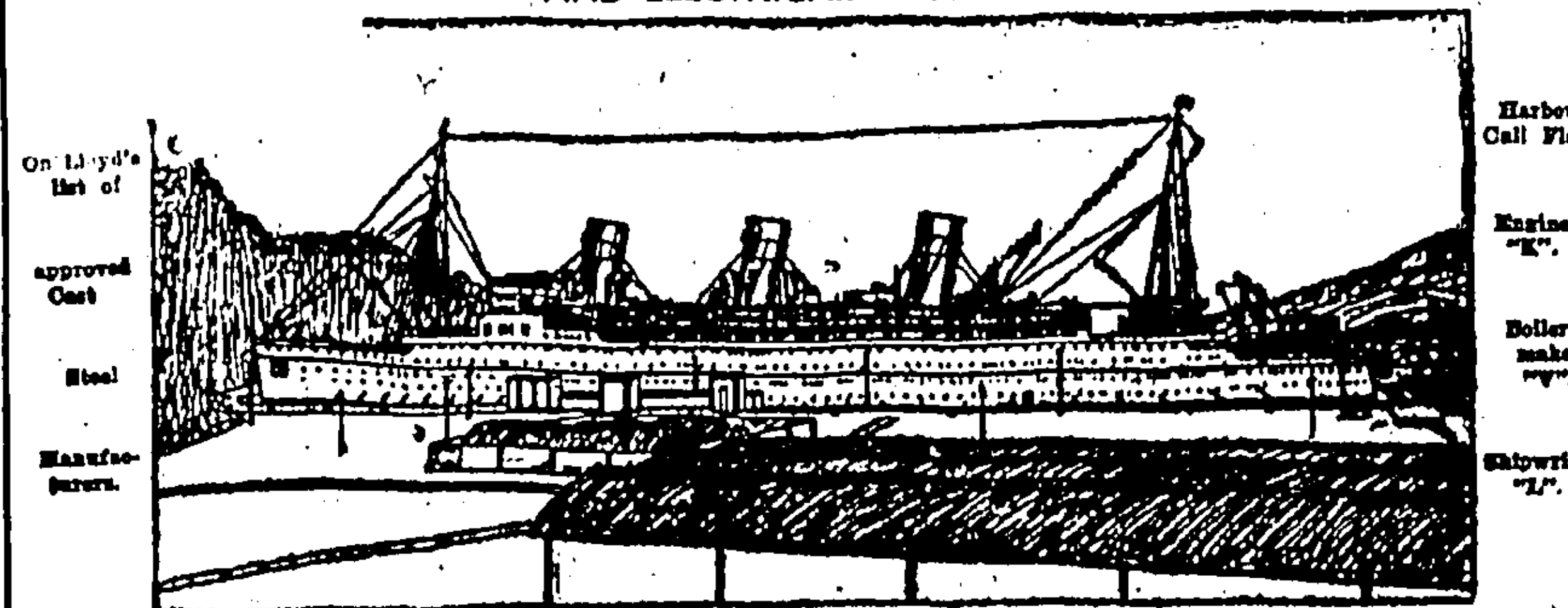
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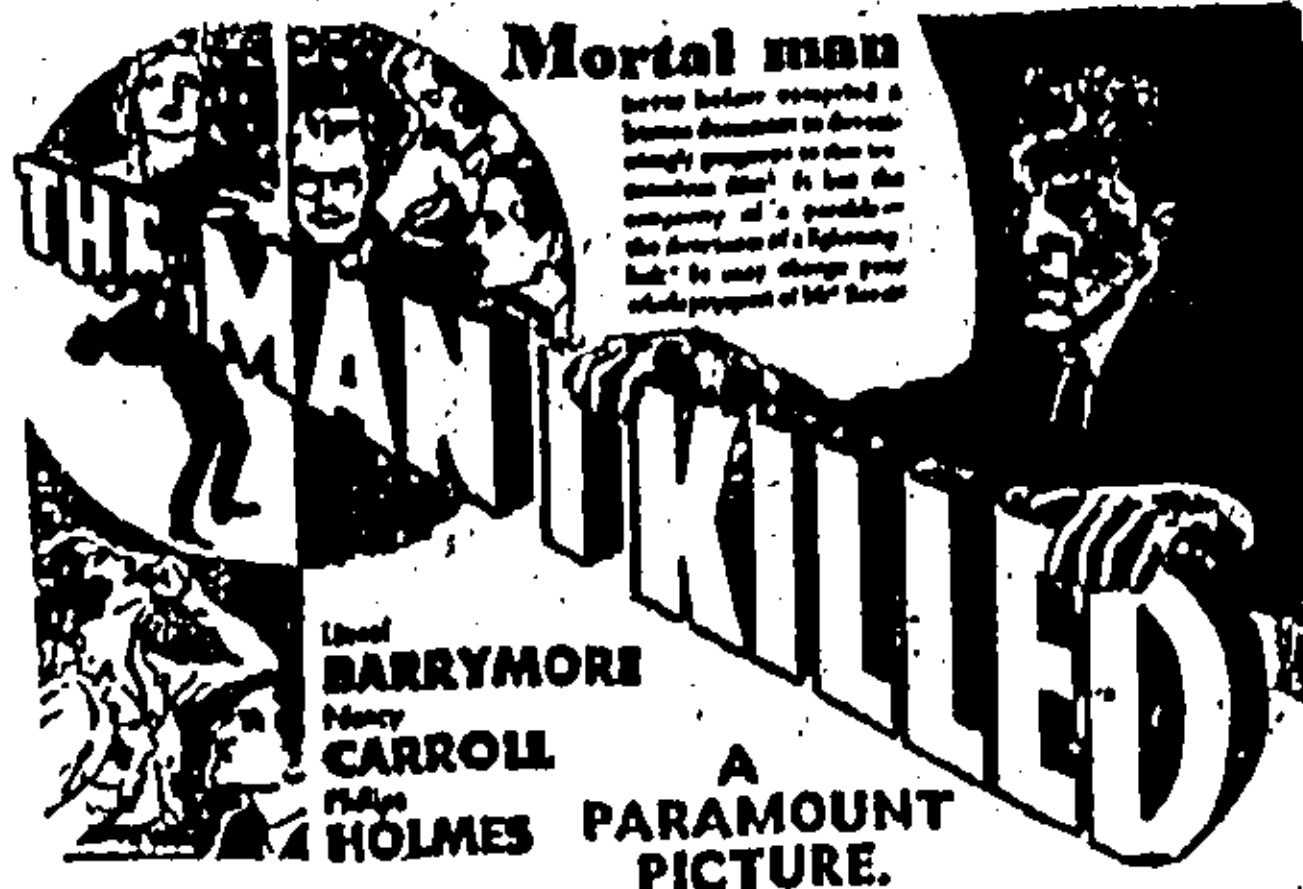
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## NEW STATE AND DR. KOO.

### JAPAN'S ATTITUDE NOW DEFINED.

Tokyo, Apr. 12.  
Japan is unable to ask Man-  
chukuo, the new State in Man-  
churia, to reverse its decision to  
refuse Dr. Wellington Koo's ad-  
mission into Manchuria with the  
League Commission, but as Japan  
has temporarily undertaken to  
see that peace and order are pre-  
served in Manchuria, the Japan-  
ese Government has decided to  
tell the Commission that Japan  
will do everything possible to pro-  
vide for Dr. Wellington Koo's  
entry if he accompanies the Com-  
mission.

A spokesman of the Govern-  
ment in announcing this decision  
emphasized that it is in Japan's  
interest to enable the Commission  
to study conditions on the spot,  
and as neither the League nor  
Japan has yet recognized the new  
Manchurian State, there is no  
question of disregarding Man-  
chukuo's sovereignty if Japan in  
this way conveys to Dr. Well-  
ington Koo's entry into Manchuria.  
—Reuter.

### Ban on Cereal Export.

Peking, Apr. 12.  
The Manchukuo is reported to  
have prohibited the export of  
cereals into China proper, and to  
have instructed the Peking-Muk-  
den Railway not to carry such  
produce destined for places in  
China.—Reuter.

### Ma Chan-shan Flees.

Peking, Apr. 12.  
Chinese reports published here  
allege that Gen. Ma Chan-shan,  
the famous hero of the Nonni  
River fighting, has fled from  
Changchun, where he was recent-  
ly appointed Minister for War, and  
is en route to Russia via Tachien.  
It is reported that most of Gen.  
Ma's troops have turned against  
the new regime.—Reuter.

### A CAUSE CELEBRE.

#### A SPIRITUALIST SUES "DAILY MAIL."

London, Apr. 12.  
A spiritualist cause celebre in  
which Mrs. Meurig Morris is  
suing the Daily Mail, which chal-  
lenged the genuineness of her  
alleged powers, is attracting  
enormous interest now that the  
case of the Rector of Stiffkey, the  
Rev. Davidson, is temporarily  
halted.

Lady Conan Doyle, the widow  
of the famous novelist, and like  
him a prominent spiritualist, ex-  
pressed unqualified belief in Mrs.  
Morris's trance mediumship.  
From the witness box in the  
High Court today she declared  
that the "guides" of herself and  
her husband foretold many dis-  
tant events, notably two years ago  
when they predicted the present  
Sino-Japanese trouble.

## MENINGITIS IN HONGKONG.

### MR. LO'S QUESTIONS AT SANITARY BOARD.

The percentage of deaths in the  
cases of meningitis reported in  
Hongkong is not abnormally high,  
declared the Medical Officer of  
Health, Dr. G. W. Pope, in answer-  
ing questions asked by Mr. M. K.  
Lo at yesterday's meeting of the  
Sanitary Board.

In addition to several questions  
asked pursuant to notice, Mr. Lo  
asked further questions regarding  
other aspects of meningitis.

Mr. Lo's questions, and the  
answers by Dr. Pope were:  
"Is view of the prevalence of  
cerebral-spinal meningitis cases in  
the Colony, will the Head of the  
Sanitary Department obtain the  
necessary information and inform  
the Board as to—  
"What is the total number of  
cases reported up to and including  
Monday, April 11?  
Answer.—Sixty-three.

"What is the incubation period  
and what are the characteristic  
initial symptoms of the disease?  
Answer.—The incubation period  
is unknown. It is probably not  
more than 10 days, usually stated  
to be four to five days, but the  
evidence on which estimate is  
based is inconclusive.

The initial symptoms are gen-  
erally influenza in type, varying  
in severity with the severity of the  
attack. Headache of varying in-  
tensity is a constant feature.

### Sufficient Serum.

"Whether there is a sufficient  
supply of anti-cerebral spinal  
meningitis serum in the Colony?  
Answer.—The Hon. Director of  
Medical and Sanitary Services in-  
forms me as follows.—There is  
sufficient serum for 300 cases in  
stock at the Bacteriological In-  
stitute. More is being manufac-  
tured."

Supplementary questions asked  
by Mr. Lo were—  
"As regards the serum in stock  
in Hongkong, is it prepared locally  
and how long does it retain its  
efficiency?  
Dr. Pope replied:—"Yes. In-  
definitely if kept under proper con-  
ditions."

Mr. Lo continued that he under-  
stood that the cases at Macao were  
less malignant than those in Hong-  
kong, and asked if the cases already  
reported in Hongkong were of a  
malignant type.  
"I am afraid I cannot give any-  
thing approaching an accurate an-  
swer to this question," replied Dr.  
Pope. "So far as I am aware, the  
case mortality is not abnormally  
high."

Lady Conan Doyle was closely  
questioned by Mr. Justice  
McCardie on her spiritualistic  
theories.

Another witness was Dr.  
Montagu Eder, an expert on  
nervous and mental diseases. He  
described Mrs. Morris's condition  
when she went into a trance  
during a medical examina-  
tion. The ether transmission in

## FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

### INQUEST INTO WOMAN'S DEATH.

The death of a coolie woman  
who was knocked down by a Flat  
car, No. 3090, driven by Mr. C. E.  
Gahagan in Honnossey Road, Wan-  
chai on March 23, was the subject  
of an inquest held before Mr.  
Schofield at the Central Magistracy  
yesterday afternoon.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks watched the  
proceedings in the interests of the  
driver concerned in the case.

Mr. Gahagan stated that at 4.15  
on the afternoon in question he was  
proceeding eastward along Hen-  
nessey Road. When passing Canal  
Road East he noticed the woman,  
carrying two baskets of Shanghai  
plaster, crossing Hennessey Road  
diagonally, going from north to  
south.

He sounded his horn when 20  
yards away. She turned towards  
the south side of the road, then  
turned again and ran to the north  
side. He could see that she was  
very excited, so he slowed down  
and swerved to the right when  
about four yards away from her.  
She turned round again, ran to-  
wards the south side of the road,  
and before he had time to swerve  
clear, she was struck on the right  
hip by the bumper of the car. As  
he got out of the car, the victim  
was being assisted to the pavement  
by some Chinese. He telephoned  
for an ambulance from the Asiatic  
Motor Garage, and also reported  
the accident to the local district  
Station.

### Accidental Death.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Of-  
ficer at the Government Civil Hos-  
pital, stated that the woman died  
five minutes after admission, from  
shock and multiple injuries, includ-  
ing a ruptured spleen and broken  
ribs.

The Coroner asked if the post-  
mortem examination disclosed any  
definite indication of the woman  
having been run over, and witness  
replied that he found no such in-  
dication, although the injuries  
were consistent with the woman  
having been knocked down by a car.  
According to a Chinese mechanic  
who was an eye witness the car was  
travelling at full speed and ran  
straight into the woman. He  
heard no horn sounded.

After hearing the evidence the  
jury, comprising Messrs. R. M. de  
Rocha (foreman), R. Darling and  
J. M. V. Remedios, returned a  
verdict of accidental death and at-  
tached no blame to the driver, who  
in his opinion, took every precau-  
tion to avoid an accident.

In associating himself with the  
verdict the Coroner expressed the  
sympathy of the Court and of the  
jury with the deceased's husband.

masculine voices of the spirit  
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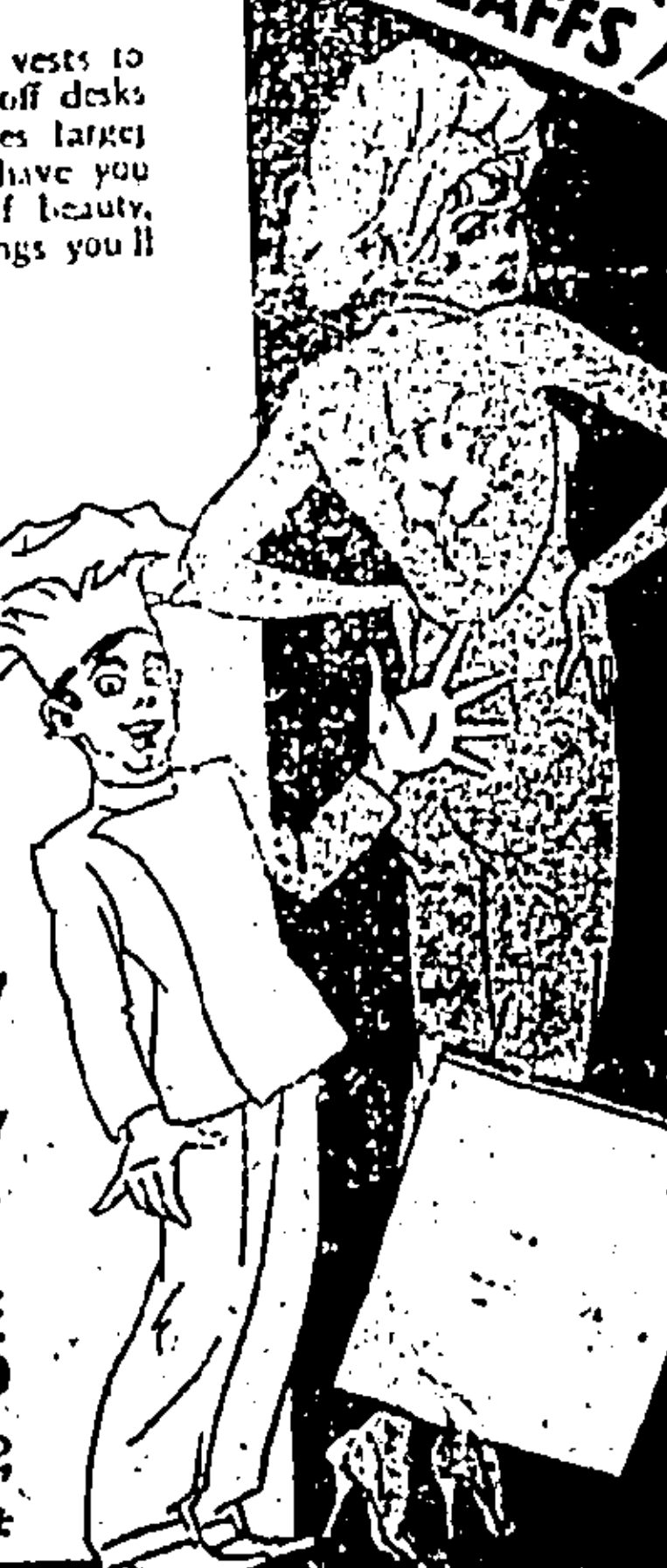
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## POLITICAL STATUS OF SHANGHAI. LESSONS OF THE RECENT UPHEAVAL. DEFINITION DEMANDED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

SHANGHAI'S DAYS OF CRISIS HAVE SERVED TO STRESS THE IMPERATIVE NEED THAT THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT RECEIVES IMMEDIATE AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

Thus declared Brigadier-General Macnaghten, the retiring chairman of the S. M. C. addressing the ratepayers this afternoon in his last speech before proceeding to England. He vigorously criticised the weakness during the earlier days of the crisis of the Special District Courts and suggested that the only solution was the establishment of the Settlement's own courts, administering uniform laws for all residents no matter what their nationality.

### VIGOROUS SPEECH THIS AFTERNOON.

Shanghai, Apr. 13, 13.15 p.m. A public meeting of ratepayers of the International Settlement was held at the Carlton Theatre, commencing at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. A. W. Burkill occupying the chair.

The object of the meeting is to devise ways and means of raising requisite funds for Municipal purposes, as well as deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters.

**THANKS TO DEFENDERS.**

In the course of the opening speech, Brig-General Macnaghten, the retiring chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, said:

"I desire to express on behalf of the Council, its profound gratitude and thanks to the officers and men of the International Settlement, the Volunteer Corps and the Special Police, to whom we are deeply indebted for the defence and security of the Settlement."

"I also desire to express the thanks of the Council to the staff of the Municipality. We deeply appreciate the loyal and arduous service the staff has rendered in these difficult times."

**VERITABLE HURRICANE.**

Referring to the political situation, Brig-Gen. Macnaghten said he felt he could say, without fear of contradiction, that the retiring Council had successfully piloted the Municipal ship of state through a veritable hurricane, without alternating either the Chinese or the Japanese sections of the community.

The recent conflict, he said, had disclosed anomalies which hitherto had not occurred to the most astute students of local conditions, except perhaps in a vague and indefinite way, and which had demonstrated, in a very startling manner, certain dangers to which the International Settlement is exposed when international complications arise.

These events stress the imperative need that the political status of the Settlement, both at present and in the future, should receive immediate and careful consideration by the interested Powers.

**DISTORTED PATRIOTISM.**

Referring to the Special District Courts and their inaction in dealing with anti-Japanese boycott activities, Brig-General Macnaghten said:

with this phase of the situation were completely paralyzed.

"This attitude of the Special District Courts was undoubtedly one of the contributing factors in the cumulative causes which led to the actual warfare with disastrous consequences."

**CONFIDENCE GONE.**

"Aside from being a direct contributing factor in the present relations between China and Japan, the failure of the Courts fully to recognize or discharge their judicial functions during the time of crisis, has shaken to its very foundations, any hope which the foreign community might have entertained that the Chinese Government would eventually succeed in establishing in the International Settlement, Courts in which the foreign community could have at least a moderate if not a full degree of confidence and respect."

**ONLY SOLUTION.**

Continuing, the speaker stated that foreign public opinion was undoubtedly unanimous upon the point that the most satisfactory solution of the problem would be the establishing in the Settlement of International Courts administering uniform civil and criminal laws over all residents of the Settlement irrespective of their nationality.

The Chinese members of the Council dissociate themselves from these remarks.

**Silver Ratio and Sterling.**

**BANKER ON EMPIRE CURRENCY.**

London, Apr. 12. The re-introduction of silver into the world's monetary systems in order to mitigate the present shortage of gold, was advocated by Sir Robert Horne, the famous banker and economist, speaking before the Royal Empire Society to-day.

Referring to the Imperial Economic Conference, Sir Robert Horne said he was looking for a settlement of the matter, which he believed to be vitally important to world prosperity.

He also strongly supported the Canadian suggestion that an Empire currency should be established, stating his considered opinion that if the nations of the Empire agreed to fix a ratio between silver and sterling, the Empire would benefit extensively in developing trade with the East.—*Reuter.*

## A WORLD OF ILLUSION.

### THE DAILY MAIL LIBEL CASE.

SIR OLIVER LODGE AS WITNESS.

### TALK WITH SON.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Apr. 12. Remarkable evidence was given by Sir Oliver Lodge, the celebrated scientist and adherent of spiritualism, when he was called on behalf of Mrs. Meurig Morris, who is suing the *Daily Mail* for libel.

The plaintiff is a comparatively young woman recognized as one of the most extraordinary mediums of the day. She is of humble origin and has had little education, coming from an ordinary village school.

Widespread interest. In trances, she has delivered sermons in the ringing tones of a trained masculine speaker and her reputation is such that all the leading personalities in spiritualism are following the action with the greatest interest.

The claim is based principally upon a contents bill issued by the *Daily Mail* proclaiming:

**TRANCE MEDIUM FOUND OUT.**

Her counsel argued that it was impossible, as the *Daily Mail* implied, that a frail, poorly-educated woman could produce such a phenomenon by conscious trickery. While preaching in a trance, her bodily changes themselves were remarkable. One side of her body became absolutely cold and her pulse leaped to 130. Dr. Eder, who examined her in these circumstances, described her as perfectly sincere and honest.

Sir Oliver Lodge, the veteran scientist, described his talk with "Mr. Power," one of plaintiff's "controls," and also a talk with his famous son, Raymond, who was killed in the war.

He discussed conditions in the spirit world with his son.

**World of Illusion.**

"I put it to my boy, Raymond, 'You live in the world of illusion,' and he replied: 'So do you, father.'"

Sir Oliver Lodge said he was absolutely convinced that Mrs. Morris was perfectly honest.

"It is a phenomenon that must be recognized—that a person can leave the body to be manipulated by another intelligence. That has been established as a fact by students of psychic science."

**Case for Defence.**

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., opening the case for the defence, made the most of the fact that Mr. Lawrence Cowan, who was prominently associated with the manifestations in which Mrs. Morris was concerned, was not called as a witness.

Mr. Birkett denounced him as an attempted exploiter.

## Armistice Failure Echo.

### Anti-Japanese Activities.

### STUDENT PERIL.

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Apr. 13.

The breakdown of the armistice negotiations has found an ominous echo among the Shanghai student group, giving rise to considerable apprehension in the Settlement.

The students have, during the last few days, been holding meetings, agitating against the peace proposals and demanding the revival of the anti-Japanese movement, including intensification of the boycott—if such be possible.

### GRAVE DANGER.

There is thought to be a real danger of the resuscitation of the "National Salvation Federation," and if this proves to be a well-founded belief, the situation will be anything but improved as it was this organization which was responsible for so much of the pre-war agitation against the Japanese.

It may also be recalled that the dissolution of this organization was one of the main Japanese demands when their ultimatum was presented to the Mayor.

### STUDENT "ARDOR."

The students have been comparatively inactive in the last two months, probably because they had every opportunity to show their patriotic ardor on the battlefield—an opportunity which the majority failed to seize.

Complications of the present delicate situation are inevitable should the students be permitted to pursue their campaign.—*Reuter.*

### U.S. BASEBALL.

### YANKEES OFF TO GOOD START.

New York, Apr. 13. The results of matches played in the American and National Leagues yesterday were as follows:

National League.			
Brooklyn	3	Boston	8
New York	5	Philadelphia	13
Cincinnati	5	Chicago	4
St. Louis	10	Pittsburgh	2

American League.			
Philadelphia	6	New York	12
Chicago	9	St. Louis	2

—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, Apr. 12. The baseball season opened yesterday with one game at Washington, in which the Senators defeated Boston (in the American League) by one run to nil.—*Reuter.*

### 40 NEW FOREIGN UNDERTAKINGS.

**EFFECT OF BRITISH TARIFFS.**

London, Apr. 12. In a Parliamentary answer, Mr. Walter Runciman said the Board of Trade had received information regarding upwards of forty new undertakings which had been set up in Britain during the past few months by or with the assistance of foreign concerns.—*British Wireless.*



THE SPHINX, the world's most curious relic of ancient civilisation, is in danger of crumbling away, according to expert reports.

## TRAIN PLUNGES OVER CLIFF.

### HEAVY JAPANESE CASUALTIES.

Tokyo, Apr. 13. Over a hundred Japanese military casualties occurred on the railway about eleven miles from Harbin this morning, when, following an explosion which caused derailment, a military train plunged over a cliff.

Eleven officers and men of the Japanese detachment aboard were killed; nineteen were seriously injured; and seventy-four were slightly hurt.—*Reuter.*

### ARRESTS IN HARBIN.

Harbin, Apr. 13. Signs that the unrest against the new Manchurian administration is gaining strength daily are not wanting.

The latest development is an alliance between Communist agitators and the troops of the old Kirin Army on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

### UNITE WITH U.S.S.R.

Pamphlets are being distributed urging the people to assist the rebels to "overthrow the Manchukuo Government" and "Establish a Soviet Government and unite with the U.S.S.R."

In Harbin itself, Red agitators are causing trouble and it is reported that many Soviet citizens have been arrested on charges of implication in plots to destroy railway property.

Kazan-tsevo Station, near Weishaho, has been looted and burned by bandits.—*Reuter.*

### SILVER SLIGHTLY DOWN.

### HONGKONG DOLLAR UNALTERED.

The Hongkong dollar still remains at 1s. 2.5/8d., although silver has again declined both in London and New York. The local market has an easy undertone.

London reports a fall of 1/8th in silver. There was no special feature on the market. India sold, but business was small. After the official fixing, the market ruled dull, with America inclined to sell.

In New York, silver is down 1/8th, with the market steady.

### BRITISH ARMY STRENGTH.

**FIGURES FOR UNITED KINGDOM.**

London, Apr. 12. It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that the present strength of the Regular Army in the United Kingdom is 7,506 officers and 99,881 other ranks.

## CITY UNDER ASHES.

### ANDEAN VOLCANO ERUPTIONS.

Santiago, Apr. 12. Residents in the volcanic zone are in a state of terror as the hours of incessant eruptions pass without any sign of diminution. They have, however, been somewhat cheered by the announcements of seismologists, expressing the belief that the danger of greater volcanic eruptions is subsiding, at least temporarily.

Valparaiso and Santiago present an extraordinary appearance. Both cities are covered with white cinders and ashes.

The flames shooting out of the Tinguirica crater have now subsided, but all the volcanoes are still emitting cinders and ashes. The wind has changed and is now carrying the ashes to the mountains. The Red Cross has rushed assistance to the Andean frontier but up to the present no fatalities have been reported.—*Reuter.*

### THE PRINCE AND INDUSTRY.

### "GET TOGETHER" MOVEMENT.

London, Apr. 12. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in a message to the National Industrial Alliance to-day, said he could see no more helpful sign for the restoration of industrial prosperity and consequent well-being of the people of this country than the determination of employers and employed to get together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, and by pooling their experiences and special knowledge, seek to solve the many problems which at present concerned them.—*British Wireless.*

### CHICAGO POLLS IN PRIMARIES.

### TERRORISM FEARS NOT REALISED.

Chicago, Apr. 12. Braving predictions of a reign of terror with Al Capone's gunmen ruling the ballot-boxes, citizens of Chicago to-day polled heavily for both the Republican and Democratic candidates in the primary election for nomination of candidates for the Presidency of the United States.

Forty thousand police and volunteers guarded the polling booths, and there were only minor disorders.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### CONTINENT AND BRITISH COAL.

### STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT.

London, Apr. 12. The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, to-day answered further Parliamentary questions regarding the restrictions on the importation of British coal into Germany, France and Belgium.

He reported that successive German quota reductions were regarded as discriminatory against Britain.

The French and Belgian quota restrictions applied to coal imported from all countries, but the methods of calculating the quotas and administering the licensing system which gave effect to the quotas were considered inequitable to Britain.

In Italy, a general landing duty of two and half lire per ton applied only to coal imported by sea. Accordingly it affected coal from this country to a greater extent than coal from other countries.

## DE VALERA TO RECONSIDER.

### LAND ANNUITY SURPRISE.

**AGREEMENT HE WAS UNAWARE OF.**

### WRONG ADDRESS.

London, Apr. 12.

It is believed that the latest Note sent by the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas to the Irish Free State Government has shaken Mr. de Valera's confidence somewhat.

All members of the de Valera party are reported to have been greatly surprised by the mention in the Note of a financial agreement of February, 1923, having special regard to the land annuities of which, it is stated, they were quite unaware.

Officials in Dublin are now said to be hastily and anxiously searching through the archives of the late Ministry for such a document, which a member of Mr. Cosgrave's last government informed *Reuter's* Dublin correspondent exists.

It is known that the agreement was signed by Mr. Cosgrave, who was then the Finance Minister of the Free State, and by Major Hill representing to Government of the United Kingdom.

**The Next Step.**

It is understood that the Land Act of 1923 gave point to the agreement in respect of the annuities by setting out how they should be collected and transferred to England.

Mr. Cosgrave said at that time that the agreement was in every way satisfactory.

As Mr. de Valera has declared he will scrupulously honour any formal undertaking to continue the payment of the land annuities, the next steps will be awaited with some interest.

**Consideration Delayed.**

Although the Free State Executive Council meets to-morrow, a Dublin message says it is unlikely that the Dominion Secretary's reply to de Valera's despatch on the Oath and Land Annuities controversy will be examined before Friday.

According to the *Times* Dublin correspondent, the friendly tone of the British Government note and its freedom from any kind of threat has been welcomed by Irish Free State citizens. He describes many Free State people as surprised that the Oath, which de Valera and his followers in the Free State Parliament have themselves taken, describing it in so doing as an "empty formula," should be treated as an occasion to precipitate a dispute.

In no quarter of the British press is any sympathy or approval found for de Valera's action.

**The Wrong Address.**

The *Liberal Star* this evening says: "Ireland now is no longer an appendage of England, but a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Her old position lives only in the memory of..."

(Continued on Page 7.)

### EXPORTS UP—IMPORTS DOWN.

### THE FIRST MONTH OF TARIFFS.

London, Apr. 12. An increase in exports and decrease in imports are shown in the Board of Trade returns for March—the first complete month since Britain changed her tariff policy.

Figures issued to-day show that the month's exports were £38,620,876 about £1,200,000 over February, and imports £36,118,411 over £2 millions less than February.



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**CONTRACT  
BRIDGE.**

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge  
League.

In contract bridge, to arrive at the best declaration for the combined 20 cards, it is necessary for partners to exchange as much intelligent information as possible by sound bids—so as not to take a chance on losing game or over-bidding the hand.

When the original bidder's hand contains two and one-half high card tricks or better and a distribution assuring him that his hand will also take at least four or five tricks if played at the suit mentioned, he has three choices of bids:

1—He may make a minimum bid of one. While his partner will pass short of game, partner should not pass when holding at least one and one-half tricks.  
2—He may bid for game at once, but the risk here is very great as there may be two or three different declarations in the hand and the best declaration may not be the one he calls.  
3—He may make a forcing bid which not only gives valuable information to partner but requires partner to keep the bidding open, thereby guaranteeing him another opportunity to bid.

The ordinary way to make a forcing bid is to bid one more of a suit than is necessary to hold the contract. The various types of forcing bids are as follows:

1—Any original bid of two in a suit requires that the bidding be kept open by partner until a game-going declaration is arrived at, therefore it should not be made if you are not willing to play the hand at game even though partner's hand may be trickless.

2—Overcalling partner's suit bid with another suit bid of one more than is necessary: e. g. partner bids one heart and you bid three diamonds. This also indicates a game-going hand and requires the bidding to be kept open until game is arrived at.

3—Overcalling opponent's suit with a higher bid of the same suit if partner had previously bid: e. g. your partner bids one heart, opponent bids two diamonds, and you bid three diamonds. This shows no losing cards in the opponent's suit, support in your partner's suit and slam possibilities. It further requires that the bidding shall be kept open until at least a game-going declaration is arrived at.

4—The one over one, which the writer advocates, is a take-out of partner's opening bid of one, with a bid of one in another suit; e. g. partner bids one heart and you bid one spade. This is the one-over-one and requires partner to keep the bidding open and partner may pass on the next round. Supposing partner were now to bid one no trump. He would show a minimum four card heart suit opening bid. If you were to carry the bid to two spades, partner, holding no additional values, has a perfect right to pass.

The following bids are strong invitation bids but are not demand bids and partner may pass them:

1—A free bid of more than game; e. g. partner bids one heart and you bid five hearts. This is a strong invitation for a slam bid, but partner may pass it.

2—A jump re-bid in your own suit after partner has once denied it, or if he has passed; e. g. you bid one spade, partner passes or bids two hearts, and you now bid three spades. You strongly invite him to go to four, but he may pass.

No trump bids are at no time forcing bids.

**THESE BULLION  
BROKERS.**

**MR. BOWES-SMITH GIVES  
AMUSING ADDRESS.**

**ROTARY TALK.**

Rotarians and guests found much to amuse them in a delightfully light address which was given by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith on the subject of "These Bullion Brokers" at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club, which was held on board the S.S. President Hoover, this being the first occasion when the meeting has been held on board a ship.

The Chairman (Sir William Hornell) welcomed the following guests: Rotarians, P. H. Stevenson, (Peking), Yinson Lee, (Shanghai), L. L. Goodman, (Singapore), B. Thorpe, (California), A. P. Drakeford, (Manila), Freider, (Manila), S. Fraser, (Manila), Gilloiland, (Manila); and the following non-Rotarian guests:—Mr. Douglas Jenkins, (Consul General for U.S.A. in Hongkong), Mr. F. Hinkle (Consul for U.S.A. Canton), Mr. R. J. Bell, (British North Borneo), Captain T. W. H. Hosgood, Dr. Ernest To, Dr. Y. S. Wan, Dr. Bernardo de Sousa, Mr. P. G. Kingley, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. A. Greaves, and Mr. R. Cryan, (all of Hongkong).

The Chairman announced that on the occasion of Goethe's centenary, "Faust" will be presented under the auspices of the German Club at St. Paul's Girls' College on April 16.

Mr. Bowes-Smith said:—As a guest of the Rotary Club and the Dollar Steamship Company it gives me much pleasure to stand before you to-day, but as a bullion broker I do so with that diffidence which is such a characteristic of the members of my profession. (Laughter). Exchange brokers, as a body, so often stand up to be shot at in the press that when one of them rises in public, he half expects to be the target for banana skins and rotten apples. Seeing, however, that we have no bananas to-day and that such a thing as a rotten apple has never been seen on a President boat, I hope that my remarks will be greeted with nothing more than an occasional raspberry. (Laughter).

**Docile And Harmless.**

There is no section of the community which is more maligned than the bullion brokers, unless it be the Broadcasting Committee, the civil servants and the inhabitants of Ice House Street. Yet a more docile and harmless lot of human beings it would be difficult to find. Accused of almost every crime, from rigging the exchange market and rooking the public, down to exceeding the rickshaw speed limit, these mild-mannered gentlemen find it hard at times to hold up their heads and look their fellow citizens in the face. Even the sharebrokers look askance at them, as though they have deliberately engineered the rise in the dollar to depress the stock market. In time they acquire a sort of inferiority complex, feeling that no matter how they present their case to the public no one will believe a word they say. As a matter of fact, I have never known an exchange broker tell an untruth. (Laughter).

**Examples of Good Conduct.**

Far from being undesirable, these gentlemen are singularly free from evil intentions and vice. Have you ever seen an exchange broker snatching a lady's handbag or trafficking in women and children? Have you ever known him cut his neighbour's aerial or appear in public improperly clad? Ours was practically the only profession not included in the list of prominent residents, soldiers, lawyers and what-nots who recently expressed a desire to go about naked. (Laughter).

Actually, the exchange brokers set an example of good conduct and gallantry which it would be well for others to emulate. When they find the narrow thoroughfare of Ice House Street blocked by pedestrians, they frequently get

out of their rickshaws and proceed on foot to prevent the jobbers being jolted into the gutter. When they are waiting outside a bank manager's door, and a merchant of lawyer arrives on the scene, they invariably make way and say "After you, sir", even if they know that it will probably be twenty minutes before he comes out again. And when a lady stops one of them in the street and asks to be directed to the Peak Church or the Virgins' Retreat, he promptly leaves his job and sees her safely en route to her destination. (Laughter).

These positive qualities are unfortunately not recognized sufficiently, and so it is that the fraternity of which I am a humble member comes in for a lot of misinformed criticism. I hope to prove to you in a few moments, gentlemen, that instead of being criticised, we deserve your sympathy for the many buffings we receive in the execution of our duty.

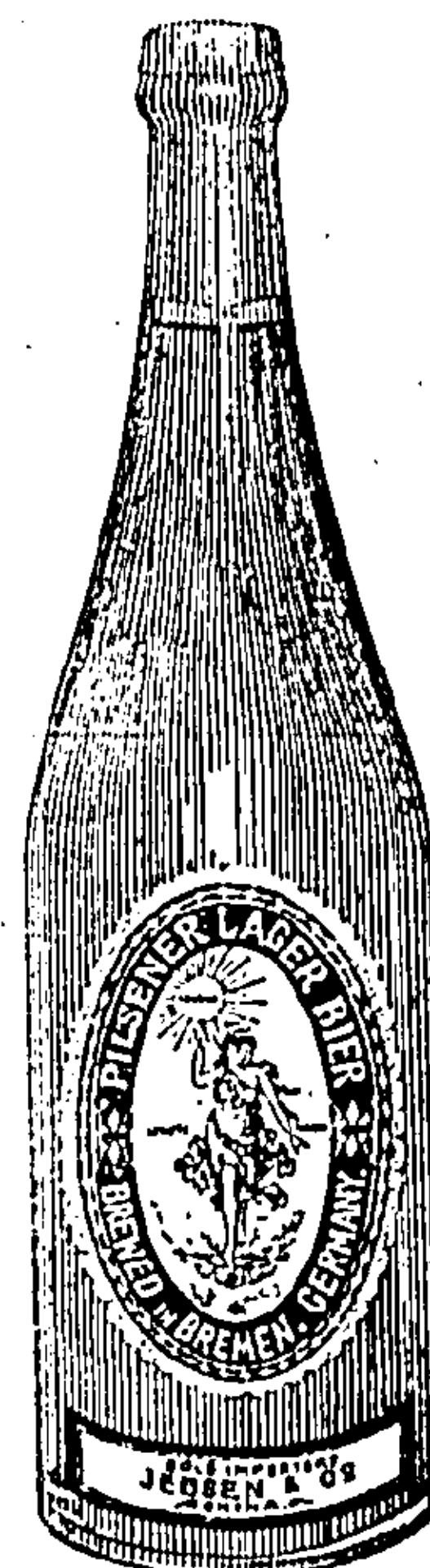
**Their Private Lives.**

Consider, in the first place, what these brokers are like in private life. One of them plays the piano. I've always maintained that a man who plays the piano must have a streak of goodness in him somewhere. (Applause). He also writes letters to the newspapers: a harmless sort of lunacy which cannot lead him very far astray. Several of them play golf, which is another harmless sort of lunacy, and only leads them as far as Fanning. One of them spends his spare time frolicking on the beach, while my old friend Champkin has a weakness for Boy Scouts and anti-aircraft guns. Quiet, innocent enjoyments, which they certainly deserve after the trials and tribulations of their daily task. I should, perhaps, admit that at least one of them is interested in the turf, but a man can even enjoy horse racing without being thoroughly dishonest.

I will not say any more about their private lives, for they are friends of mine. But I hope to have proved that they are no worse, (Continued on Page 10.)

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Second Extra Race Meeting.  
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By courtesy of the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt & Race Club, the above Race Meeting will be held at the Kwantl Race Course on

Sunday, the 17th April, 1932.  
 First Saddling Bell at 1.45 p.m.  
 First Race at 2.15 p.m.

Admission to Members' Enclosure will be limited to Members of This Club and Fanling Hunt & Race Club who must wear their Badges.

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By Order,  
 W. L. ALEXANDER,  
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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd April, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road.  
 Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday, 14th April, 1932.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 13th day of April, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
 General Managers,  
 Hongkong, 7th April, 1932.

## CINEMA SCREENINGS.

## NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

After a search of two weeks during which production necessarily was delayed, Miriam Seeger was chosen for the leading feminine role in the Pathé comedy drama, "Big Money," featuring Eddie Quillan, Robert Armstrong, James Gleason, Miss Seeger and Margaret Livingston, which was directed by Russell Mack and which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

Miss Seeger, a petite blonde, was favourably known on the stage, both in New York and London, before she went to Hollywood about a year ago. She played leading roles opposite Richard Dix, Reginald Denny and Adolphe Menjou, and most recently was featured with Charlie Murray in "Clancy in Wall Street."

The cast for "Big Money" was carefully selected and some twenty-five prominent stage and screen players were entrusted with the various roles. The story deals with the troubles and triumphs of a Wall Street messenger boy employed in a broker's office. He is addicted to the gambling habit, which is not uncommon in Wall Street, and as a dice thrower he is a distinguished success. He is given \$10,000 to deposit in a bank, but anxious to get another whirl, he finds the money through the ensuing night. He falls in with several gangsters and when they learn of the treasure he carries in a brief case, his troubles begin.

There are numerous thrilling scenes, but Eddie Quillan's fair comedy, even in the face of personal peril, carry him through with flying colours. He falls in love with his employer's daughter, portrayed by Miss Seeger, and finally wins her after giving up the gambling game which had almost wrecked their love romance. The picture was directed by Russell Mack.

Robert Edeson, Dorothy Christy and other notable players are in the cast. "The Man I Killed."

The new trend in pictures, as recently described by B. P. Schulberg, managing director of Paramount's West Coast production, when he said that "dialogue should only be used to enhance the dramatic value of the story," is strikingly exemplified in "The Man I Killed," coming soon to the King's Theatre.

Ernst Lubitsch's first dramatic talking production with less dialogue than the other pictures made since the advent of sound.

"Dialogue is important when it means something, yet only where it is vital to the story," says the director who made several dramatic silent pictures but whose talking productions to date have been "The Smiling Lieutenant," "Monte Carlo" and "The Love Parade."

"Lionel Barrymore, Nancy Carroll, Phillips Holmes and the other character actors in 'The Man I Killed' talk when it is logical that they should talk; they do not talk, however, where the story can better be developed in terms of action and use of the cameras."

Page after page of the script of the after-the-war romance laid in France and Germany was bare of dialogue. It was more like the scenarios for silent pictures, following the down-to-earth formula which authorities such as Schulberg and Lubitsch say is the new trend providing the kind of entertainment demanded by the public.

Beau Ideal.

Adventure-seeking soldiers of the French Foreign Legion! Battling outcasts... fugitives from life and society! Devil-may-care heroism from the four corners of the world! The courage of this famous body of soldiers-of-fortune as depicted in "Beau Ideal" coming to the Queen's Theatre to-day, takes credulity. The heterogeneous characters of the men enlisted produce situations unparalleled in any other body of troops. A bugle sounds the call to arms. The Legion barracks spring to life. Soldiers rush to the gun racks. There they wait, while a corporal unlocks the chains which hold the rifles in the rack. With a look threatening, one wonders at this apparently foolish delay.

Here is the terse explanation of a former officer of the Legion: "All nations, colours, creeds and religions are in our Legion. They have pay days. Liquor is plentiful and potent. Quarrels arise. Loose guns are dangerous." Several scenes of the Legion have important parts in the picture.

Ralph Forbes who created the role of "John Geste" in "Beau Geste," plays the same role in "Beau Ideal" which is a sequel by the same author. He is supported by an excellent cast, including Loretta Young, Irene Rich, Lester Vail, Don Alvarado, Otto Matson, Paul McAllister, Hale Hamilton, George Rigas and Leni Stengel, Herbert Brenon, director of the silent "Beau Geste" also directed the talking "Beau Ideal."

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What to do to help a child.

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## "Palmy Days."

Eddie Cantor insists that he has a future that goes beyond current success, but what it is he doesn't know. Since the Samuel Goldwyn picture "Palmy Days," at the King's Theatre, is meant to be a for-laughing-purposes-only exposure of spiritualism, Cantor makes a role as an unwilling assistant to a fake spiritist, the more real. In the way of a future, Cantor is contemplating a goodwill tour of Europe under the auspices of Samuel Goldwyn. Personal appearances in connection with the showings of "Palmy Days" in Berlin, Paris, London, Vienna and Rome are likely. Eddie hasn't seen to Europe since he went to England on his honeymoon in 1914, to sing a single number in "Charlotte's Revue." The song is still remembered—"I Love the Ladies."

Then the goggle-eyed come has two stage offers under advisement—one from Florenz Ziegfeld for a new "Follies" or possibly a "book" or story show, and another for Earl Carroll's "Varieties." A year ago, when Cantor went westward after his long stage run in "Whoopee," to make the memorable picturization of the New Amsterdam Theatre hit, he promised himself and his family—meaning his wife, Ida, and his five daughters—that he was through with the stage forever. No one challenges his right to change his mind—that is, no one except Eddie and his family.

Cantor's literary activities are becoming increasingly successful—so much so, in fact, that Eddie is seriously contemplating a more intensive concentration on that field.

"Short" was an outstanding success; so was "My Life is in Your Hands." Recently, "Voo! Hoo! Prosperity" is attracting nation wide attention in book form after its serial publication in The Saturday Evening Post. His magazine stories find a quick market and great popularity. To him, it is a cradle and almost untouched field.

Lastly, then, Cantor has his family to consider—Ida, his wife, with whom he grew up in the East Side tenements of New York, his five daughters, ranging in age from four to fifteen. He knows that the more of a career he has, particularly on the stage or screen, with its night work, its constant travel and public attention on the family he will have. He likes California. He thinks it a fine country to bring up the Cantor girls. He has a great mansion in Great Neck, Long Island, that is closed during his Hollywood sojourn.

And so Eddie Cantor is wondering. The fortune-telling exposures of "Palmy Days" help him none at all.

"Flying High."

Thanks for a huge new aluminum crane which permits a camera to be carried high in the air, there to operate higher and yon will, one of the most unusual "shots" ever made in a motion picture appears in "Flying High," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The "shot" concerns a brilliant song and dance number, "Happy Landings," when the scene first appears on the screen, the camera apparently is hovering over a huge aviation field, from which scores of "ships" are rising. Suddenly, however, the field slips away, disclosing two scores of gorgeously beautiful girls, who perform an intricate dance manoeuvre as directed by Busby Berkeley, responsible for the ensembles of "Whoopee."

Katryn Crawford is the featured singer of the number.

Only the invention of this new "camera crane" which can go through new and remarkable evolutions made possible this unusual photographic offering.

The "Happy Landings" number is but one of four new songs which are interspersed between the drooleries of Bert Lahr, America's most imitated comedian, Charlotte Greenwood, Pat O'Brien, Kathryn Crawford, Charles Winninger, Hedda Hopper, Guy Kibbee and others. Other numbers include "Dance Until the Dawn" and "The Examination Number." These are by Dorothy Fields and James McHugh.

A fourth slapstick, Lahr-Greenwood number, "The First Time for Me," is by De Sylva, Brown and Henderson, who with McGowan wrote the original stage success.

## -- EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris.....	96.13/10	96 1/4
Geneva.....	19.50	19.50
Berlin.....	10	10
Oslo.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Helsingfors.....	215	215
Athens.....	300	300
Buenos Aires.....	1/8.1/10	1/8.1/10
Shanghai.....	3.80	3.80
New York.....	9.37 1/2	9.37 1/2
Amsterdam.....	32	32
Vienna.....	50	50
Madrid.....	63 1/2	63 1/2
Bucharest.....	1/3	1/3
Hongkong.....	27.07 1/2	27.10
Brussels.....	74	74
Milan.....	19.45	19.45
Stockholm.....	18.5/16	18.5/16
Copenhagen.....	128	128 1/2
Prague.....	110	109 1/2
Lisbon.....	4.1/16	4.3/32
Rio.....	1/6.1/32	1/6.1/32
Bombay.....	1/9	1/9
Yokohama.....	4.20	4.20 1/2
Mosteideo.....	16.15/16	16.15/16
Silver (spot).....	17	16 1/2
(forward) 17		16 1/2

—British Wireless.

## TRAIN "HOLD UP."

## BANDITS SEIZE PASSENGERS IN HONAN.

It is reported from Changchow, Honan, that bandits held up the Peking-Hankow passenger train, to the north of the Lai river, and looted the train and carried off twelve passengers to be held for ransom.—Reuter.

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## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 24th March)	Gange	April 12.
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Manila	Pres. Cleveland	April 15.
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Europe via Negapatam (Papers only), London, 17th March	Fushimi Maru	April 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Asama Maru	April 16.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco 18th March)	Pres. Hayes	April 16.
Japan	Glyno Maru	April 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Helan Maru	April 17.
Calcutta & Straits	Kutsum	April 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 25th March)	Pres. Jackson	April 18.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	April 21.
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Japan and Shanghai	Rawalpindi	April 22.
Japan	Rio de Janeiro Maru	April 22.

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Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Lycan	Wed., Apr. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	Wed., Apr. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Fingal	Wed., Apr. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	Tai Hing	Wed., Apr. 13, 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Gange	Wed., April 13 K.P.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 13, 3 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 13, 4 p.m.
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	Reg.	Apr. 13, 8.45 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 13, 4.30 p.m.
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Fort Bayard	Sun Kong	Wed., Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
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Amoy	Tjisadano	Thurs., Apr. 14, 1.30 p.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Thurs., Apr. 14, 1.30 p.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Thurs., Apr. 14, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea Thurs.	Apr. 14, 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Talamba	Thurs., April 14.
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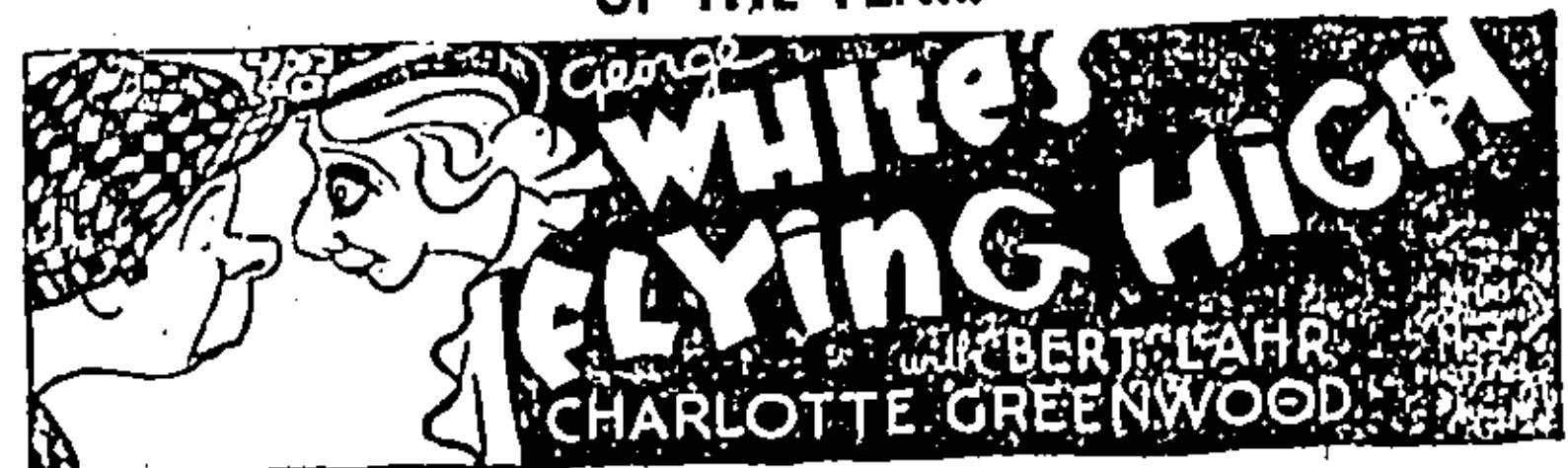
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### TO-DAY'S RECIPES.

#### Orange Gravy.

Pigeons, game, and wild fowl are delicious served with this sauce instead of gravy.

Simmer over the fire half a pint of stock, one small onion (chopped), the grated rind of half a lemon, pepper, salt, and two bay leaves. In ten or fifteen minutes draw the pan aside and add the juice of the whole orange and a glass of port wine, if desired.

Before serving strain and reheat.

#### Orange Snowballs.

Here is a dish that the kiddies love. Boil half a pound of rice for about ten minutes. While it is in draining peel four large oranges and scrape them free from pith. Divide the rice into four portions and spread each on a dumpling cloth, roll an orange in each and tie the cloth round. Boil the snowballs for an hour and a half, then turn carefully on to a dish and sprinkle with sugar.

#### Orange Loaves.

For the sweet the orange must be preserved beforehand, but it is quite simple and makes a useful sweet to fall back upon in time of emergency.

Cut the fruit in halves and squeeze the juice (this can be used up separately) and scrape the peels free from pith.

Boil them until the bitterness is extracted, then lay them in syrup for two days. On the third day strain the liquor off and boil it to a nice consistency. Replace the peels and bottle for use.

When required take out a sufficient number for a dish and fill each peel with a good pudding mixture or custard, and bake.

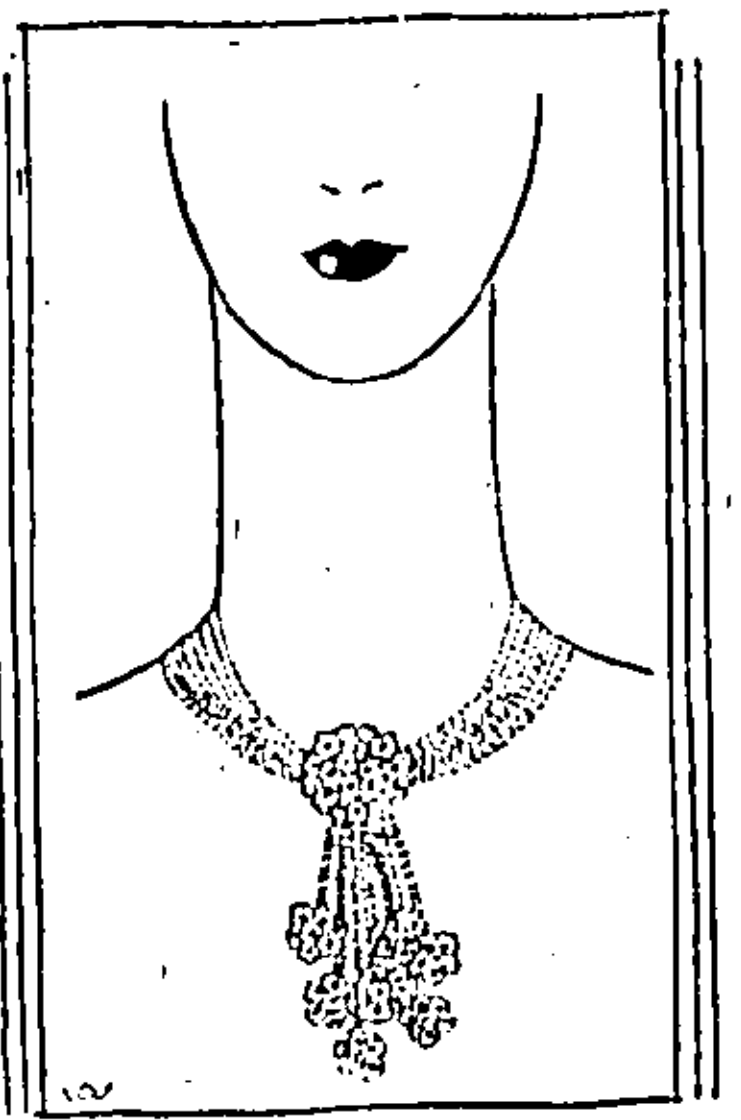
#### Orange à la Russe.

A dainty cold sweet is always useful. For this one make a syrup of six ounces of sugar and half a pint of water. Boil for five minutes then add four large oranges, peeled, quartered, and with the pips removed. Boil a further five minutes, drain the orange quarters and dissolve half an ounce of gelatine in the syrup.

Arrange the quarters round a ring mould and fill it up with the liquor.

When set turn out the jelly ring and fill the middle with whipped cream or jelly à la Russe. To prepare this make half a pint of jelly in a different colour from the mould, and when cold, but not set, whisk it up until it is spongy and very light.

### Latest Necklace.



Strands of tiny silver beads and clusters of coral form a new French necklace.

### TWO OF THE LATEST SPORTS OUTFITS.



Sun yellow and white rayon crepe fashion the sports outfit at the left, of sleeveless dress and flaring short jacket with seven eighths sleeves. The frock has an unusual cut, with half the shoulder yoke yellow. The jacket is all-yellow, with white on its cuffs and shoulder bow. The all-white rayon crepe costume at right is a short-sleeved dress with round neckline and front bow, topped by a little jacket with full sleeves.

### NEW HATS.

(By a London Correspondent).

It would seem that much creative genius has gone to the making of the new and exciting millinery.

Trimings are to be more attractive, more varied, and more original than ever before; in fact, the actual foundation may be exquisitely simple in character, but the designer has spared no effort to make the feathery oddments, braid bands of multi-colours, petascham cockades and flowers as artistic as possible.

Perhaps I should say, especially flowers, because ribbon flowers are being used, and tulle flowers, and velvet ones, all soft and floppy, as well as large varnished camellias which are stiff and elegant and in harmony with chip straws and the tulleur.

Just as neat and sophisticated as a cap in which bands of straw alternate with silk net. Straw is also seen with striped silk, and plaid effects are popular in hats of two materials; sometimes the straw is patterned or the material shows lines contrasting vividly.

#### Lace Motifs.

We are also to expect a vogue for lace on hats. It is difficult to predict how great will be the popularity of such a mode, but the examples I have seen are very attractive.

A fine, black straw, lifted on the left side and dipping—not too

perilously—on the other, shows motifs of sheer lace set into the down-turned brim. Wool lace is more unusual. This, again, is used as motifs, or a strip—blue on black, red on white—underlines the narrow brim just where it is turned up. The new crocheted collars are likely to become great favourites if the mode continues.

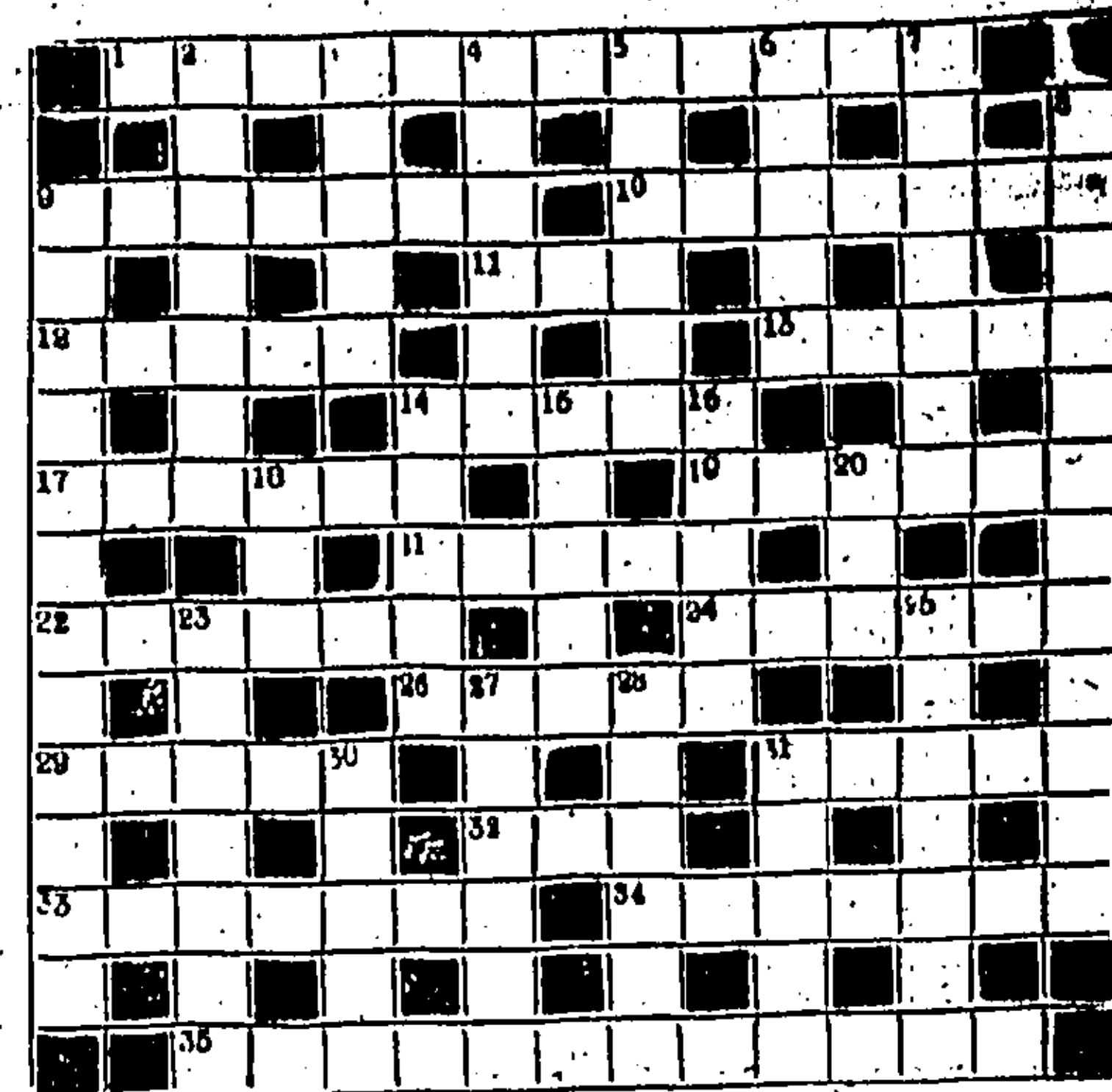
Double brims have been on small hats of very fine, pliable straw, and a model from an important collection has a straight brim—of the sailor-hat type. In the crown the straw is patterned, and two flat, bright flowers in cloth complete a shape intended as a frame for a youthful face. Loops of cloth go on other hats, and on the shiniest straws are small quills, gold-tinted, or little clusters of fruits.

#### The Tricorne Again.

The tricorne style persists. This has the correct military appearance to coincide with so many of the new clothes. Coarse shiny straws are well adapted to this austere shape. Green tricorne hats seem the most popular of all, and this is almost the only shape on which flowers are rarely seen. Instead, materials in loopy, petascham ribbon bows, and white appliques help the milliner on her busy way of trimming the tricorne without spoiling its shape.

Something very much like last season's beret is shaped from strips of deer skin, boldly stitched with white threads, or bright red or green, with gloves attached in the same way. Of course, the new berets leave one side of the head exposed; they won't fit properly if tipped to the back of the head.

### OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



#### Across

- 1 Tree burst car (anag.).
- 9 "Mebby to mean yes an' say so Comes — to women" (Lowell, "The Courtin").
- 10 Private entrance made when the office is taken into the back part of the ship.
- 11 Soda in water, for instance.
- 12 Sent a telegram that finished a Bolshevik.
- 13 Leads a grinding life.
- 14 Indulge in a little well deserved repose after your century, as it is in top.
- 17 Trial by this was abolished in 1218.
- 19 London suburb.
- 21 A shopkeeper who has lost all aspiration might still be useful for basket making.
- 22 Large Hindustani antelope.
- 24 Chinese boat frequently used as a residence.
- 26 Give them a little more for this subject.
- 29 Less than little, as in this.
- 31 There's a car at the corner: better secure it (hidden).
- 32 One of the Tribes of Israel.
- 33 Touching, but not to the point of tears.
- 34 The scene of many a pilgrimage in France.
- 35 Dent out again.

#### Down

- 2 You may take a high tone to begin with, but to be changed is the right thing.
- 3 Thoroughly fed up—or in bed.
- 4 This skate is not edible.
- 5 Poster (anag.).

- 6 Stage favourite (surname).
- 7 "Do good by —, and blush to find it fame" (Pope, "Epilogue to the Satires").
- 8 He who turns King's Evidence does.
- 9 North American country.
- 14 Painful on the head, but useful for casting from June onwards.
- 15 Cut off.
- 16 Irish to a certain extent, but short and to the point.
- 18 Put a bar round it for the mendicant.
- 20 The rug is upside down.
- 23 Famous swimmer.
- 25 After all, the sweet little thing and her dowry are rather green.
- 27 Scottish dish.
- 28 All right when rotten.
- 30 Ten is one of this one.
- 31 Under the crust.

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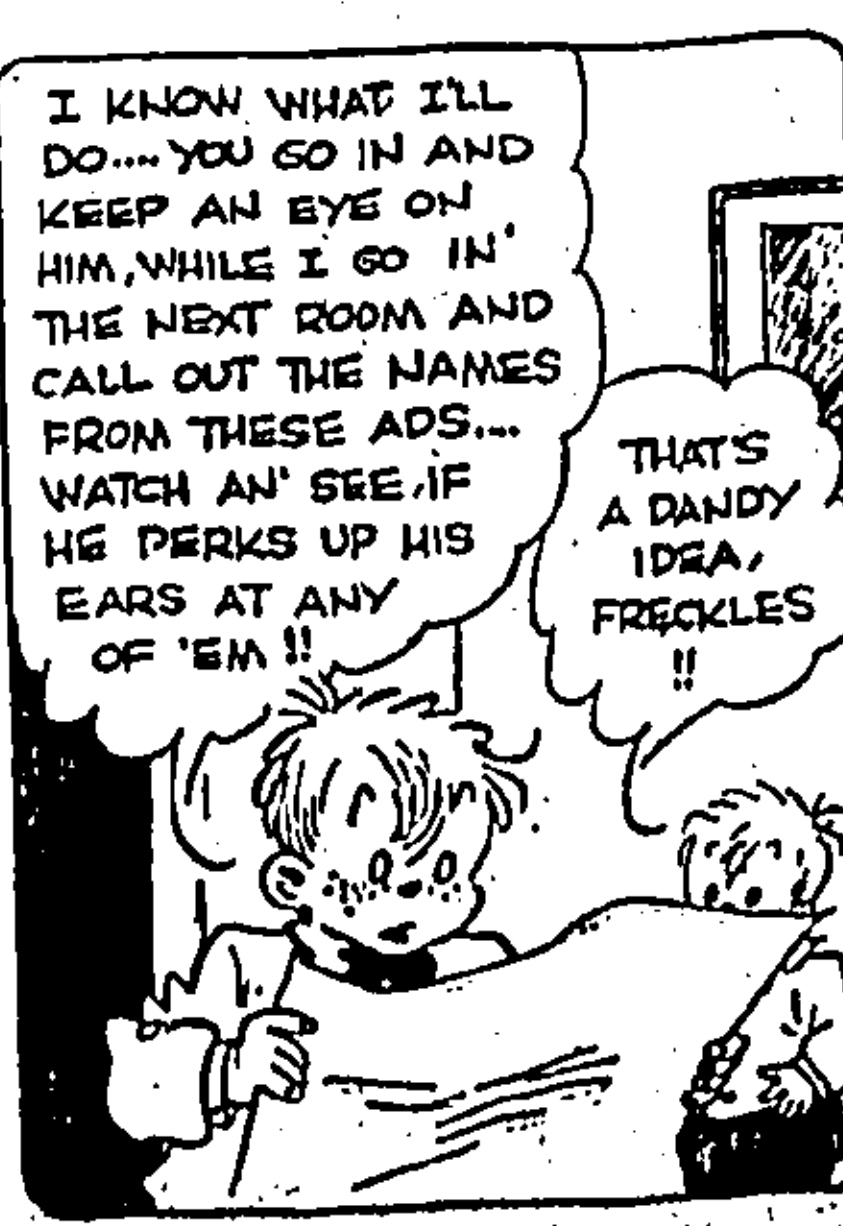
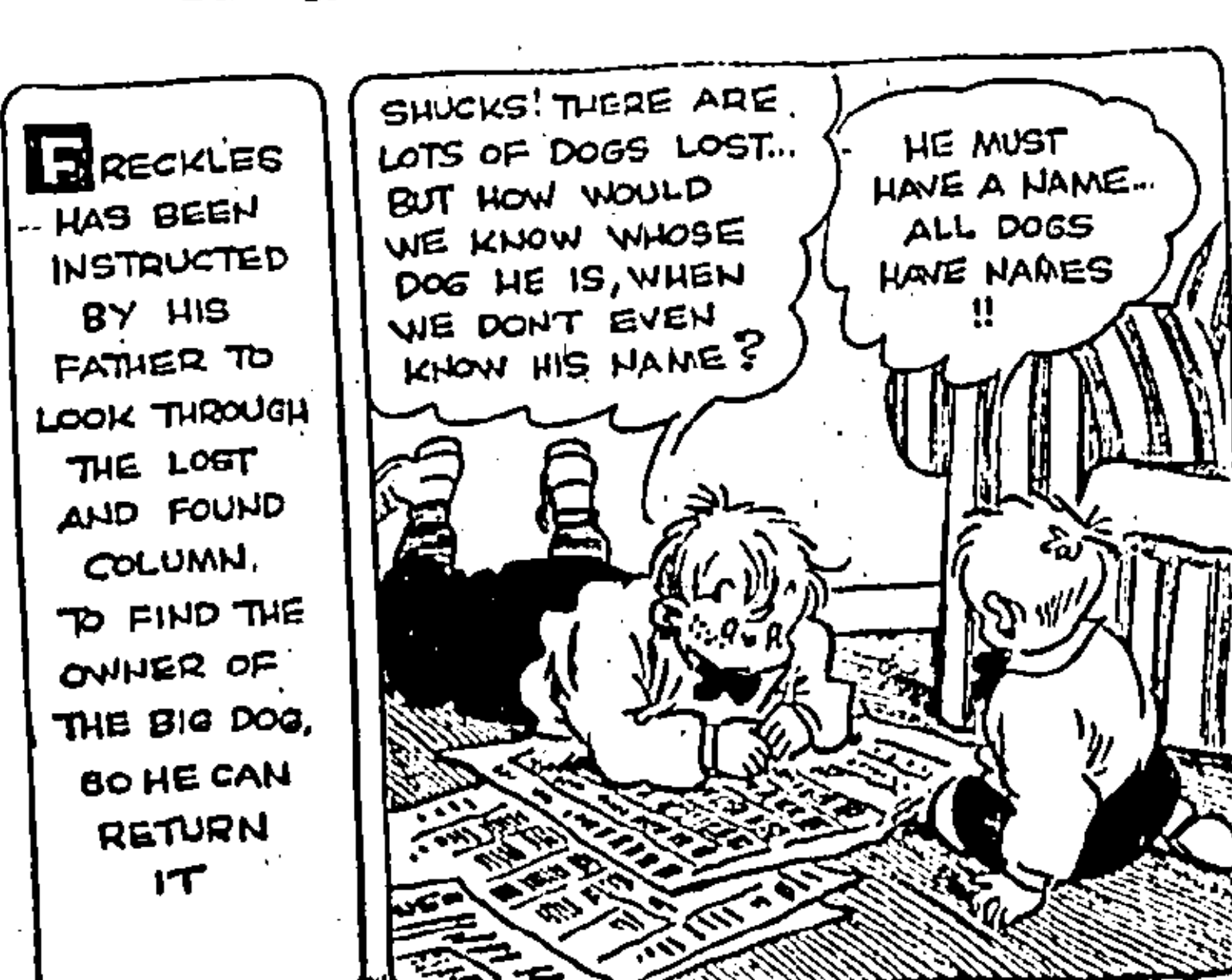
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CROWN COLONY  
PREFERENCES.

Contrary to earlier indications, it would appear that the Straits Settlements, like the Federated Malay States, intend embarking on a policy of Imperial Preference, but on a very restricted scale. The idea took concrete form at a meeting of the Legislative Council last week, when resolutions were brought forward approving the imposition of duties giving a preference to certain classes of imported goods made in Great Britain, Ireland, the British Dominions or any Malay State under British protection. The plan is the outcome of telegrams from the Secretary of State announcing the intention of the Imperial Government to inaugurate a policy of granting preference to products of British Colonies and Dependencies, and expressing the hope that those Colonies and Dependencies whose tariffs do not at present provide for preferential tariffs would review the position with a view to reciprocation of the policy of the Mother Country.

When we come to look into the matter, however, we find that the proposed preferences amount to very little indeed; they were described by the Government spokesman as "a gesture of goodwill," and it is not intended that they should be regarded as revenue measures. The object, it was explained, is to provide as effective a preference as the short tariff of the Colony permits. The plan is not a prelude to the introduction of a wider tariff, with preference for British goods, as only such articles as are at present liable to duties are affected. The policy of the Government always has been, and still is, to keep the list of dutiable articles within the narrowest limits, and no departure from this line of action which is now proposed. Even so, there is seemingly a fear that even in this limited form there may be an unfavourable reaction on the cost of living, as mention was made by the Government spokesman of readjustments which might later on be found necessary should such a development occur. There

are, however, some hopes felt that the new move may provide a stimulus to local industries, but that remains to be seen. Incidentally, during the course of the Council discussion, one of the Chinese members suggested that Ireland should be excluded from the list of countries to be granted preferences. His Excellency, however, smilingly replied that he could not accept this proposal.

Relatively harmless as the proposals appear to be, it is interesting to note that the Council was in no mood to give its consent offhand. One of the Unofficial members declared that three days' notice of such a drastic change in the 100 years' old policy of the Colony was totally insufficient, and on his suggestion, the question was deferred for later consideration. Like Hongkong, the Straits Settlements have a very restricted list of dutiable articles, and all the duties are imposed for purely revenue purposes. It will thus be seen that the proposed preferences are in reality of small importance. They may to some extent affect revenue; in any case, they will complicate the situation. In all the circumstances, however, desirable it may be to stimulate British trade, the innovation scarcely seems worth while. No question of Hongkong joining in the movement has yet been brought forward, and it is difficult to see what advantage either this Colony or the Imperial Government would derive from a departure from established custom. Hongkong's best asset is, without question, its free-port status.

## Virtues in Slang.

The *Times*, writing in praise of Melba's voice, recently caused its readers a mild degree of perturbation by remarking, "There was more to Melba than that." This was not the first occasion in recent years on which the most august of the London dailies has admitted a slang word or phrase into its columns, showing how greatly the standards of correct speech have become relaxed since the days when Dr. Johnson described "clever" as a "low" word, and "stingy" as "low cant." It is, on the whole, a satisfactory thing that the English language should from time to time replenish and revivify itself by drawing on the treasures of popular and unlearned speech, of which slang forms no inconsiderable portion. In this way a language is saved from becoming pedantic, sterile, and overformal. In this way, too, fine and valuable words are preserved in common usage which otherwise would be lost. In the eighteenth century, for example, the term "ear" was comparatively rarely employed, and seemed in danger of vanishing from the language. It would no doubt have done so, had it not survived in the popular speech of Scotland, Ireland, and Devon. It was entirely owing to the locations of unlearned countrymen that this term was preserved in English, and thus kept ready for the day when the invention of mechanical transport made it universal and indispensable. Popular speech not only preserves the resources of a language, but adds to them. The slang of a year ago either is forgotten or is the standard English of to-day. Such useful words as nag, pet, fad, and fun were once only slang expressions. And four slang words, lunch, snob, coke, and tram, have proved their worth so triumphantly that they have gained a place not only in reputable English, but in foreign languages as well. Let us therefore beware of despising slang merely as the language of those unable to speak standard English. Emphatically, there is more to slang than that.

## SUGAR MARKET.

## THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London, Terminals.

August 1932 4/4½ down ¾d.  
December 1932 4/8½ down ¼d.  
March 1933 5/- down ¼d.  
May 1933 5/2 down ¼d.  
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d-½d more.

New York Terminals.  
No quotations.

## DAY BY DAY

"WHAT IS" COUNTS FOR VERY LITTLE EVERY TIME YOU REFLECT THAT "WHAT IS" REPRESENTS THE CAUSE OF "WHAT SHALL BE."—*Fouche.*

Mr. J. Kelleher arrived by the *Changste* yesterday to join the staff of the *South China Morning Post*.

The Hon. Treasurer of the S. P. C. A. acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$10 from Mr. R. A. D. Forrest in memory of the late Mr. M. Manuk.

Amongst the passengers who left by the *Blue Funnel* liner *Patrolus* today were Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. L. Guy, Mr. J. Thayer, Mr. B. E. Fielder and Mr. J. B. Lanyon.

Admitting a charge of having failed to stop when called upon to do so by a police officer, a boatman was fined \$20 or two weeks' imprisonment by the Hon. Comdr. Ho, at the Marine Court this morning.

The lecture by the Rev. Erwin C. H. Tribbeck on *Ibsen's Peer Gynt*, which was to have been given in the *Sailors' and Soldiers' Home* this evening, at 8.30 p.m., has been postponed on account of the prevailing epidemic.

Mr. P. C. Barrand will deliver a paper on "The Jungstrom Steam Turbine" in the premises of the Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong, on Thursday, April 14, at 6.30 p.m. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides.

Charged before the Hon. Comdr. Ho, at the Marine Court this morning, with having used his boat for the purpose of conveying prostitutes within the limits of the harbour, a boatman was convicted and fined \$50, or six weeks' imprisonment.

Mr. T. G. Stokes, of the Kowloon Canton Railway, reported to the police yesterday that whilst driving his motor car at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon, at 10.30 a.m., an eight-year-old Chinese girl ran out from under the shelter of the wharf and was knocked down, receiving injuries to her face.

Those who have not yet seen "Palmy Days," now showing at the King's Theatre, should make a point of doing so before the attraction concludes its run. This bright and snappy film, produced on lavish lines, is running until Saturday. It is extremely good entertainment, showing Eddie Cadden at his best, and provides cinema-goers with a picture distinctly above the average run.

At the annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Branch of the Victoria Association, to be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, at 9 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday), Dr. M. O. Pfister is giving a lecture, illustrated by lantern views, on a trip through Yunnan to the Sacred Mountain of Omi. There is no charge for admission and the meeting is open to any who wish to come. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the funds of the V.D.M.A.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. G. R. Sayer (Chairman) declared that he regretted the loss of the services of Mr. T. N. Chau, but congratulated Mr. M. K. Lo on his appointment to Mr. N. Chau's position. Those present at the Board meeting were Mr. Sayer, Hon. Mr. Harold T. Greasy (Vice-Chairman), Dr. G. W. Pope, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary).

SIR MAX PEMBERTON on

## NASTY NOVELS.

PRINCE GEORGE has been talking to the Book Trade Provident Society about the novel, and all who seek what is best in fiction are his debtors for the words.

Incidentally, the Prince made some admissions. He told us that he reads dozens of novels, "many of which should have been operated upon for gangrene at a point approximately two-thirds of the way through."

## Absolute Licence.

The misfortune of these words is that they are wholly true. Nothing, I am convinced, has so astonished the average citizen as the absolute licence permitted to the novelist during the last decade. While the theatre may still be visited by the police for an indecent exposure, while American film producers dance a fandango in the outer halls of adultery, the novelist boldly takes the plunge and defies all authority.

"Prosecute me," he says in effect, "and you will make my fortune. Stop my book because it deals with unnatural offences, and the bookshops of the Continent will rejoice. Indeed, they will offer the volume beneath the flaming placard, 'Banned in England.'"

## Raking the Ashes.

So the garbage is cultivated with impunity. Long-haired people with vanishing voices tell us that is art. Beglazed maidens of ripe age and weight protest that we must write of "life as it is." The mirror among these sects is not held up to Nature; it is held down. The ashes of the nether hell are turned with lantern and with muck-rake; and everywhere there is the reeking odour that revolts.

Let it be said that nobody would seek to re-establish the sickly hypocrisy of the Victorian Age, nor to revive the Richardson-Fielting controversy of the 18th century. Our grandfathers believed (in fiction) that if the Devil did not catch the sinner in the last chapter the book was evil. The 18th century wrangled over "Tom Jones," and clever Lady Mary Montagu had to inscribe her copy "Ne Plus Ultra" before she persuaded her friends to read it. Parents, nevertheless, continued to put their copies under the bed and parsons to denounce it. Yet Thackeray, in his preface to "Pendennis," described it as the greatest picture of "a man" he had met with.

If this were so in England, France, that land of just freedom in literature, also had her troubles.

## Flaubert and Zola.

One of the world's greatest novels, Flaubert's "Madame Bovary," was violently assailed by priests and puritans, and its masterly author brought to trial at Rouen. Great poets and thinkers went from Paris to Normandy to defend a genius and succeeded. Later on there came the hubbub about Zola's "La Terre"—a nasty book, which sent an English translator to prison and brought forth champions of the cesspool whom one pities.

Perhaps that amazing aberration of a great intellect, "La Garconne," really started the muck-writers here upon their unbridled way. They began to "try it on," and were astonished by the liberty permitted to them. Words and phrases

they would never dare to use before decent women were interjected freely into their stories. They sought their types in Chelsea studios (though many a Chelsea studio would quickly throw them to the gutter), and the poultry yard was a second home to them. Of tales to tell they had none. Of that romance "which holdeth children from play and old men from the chimney corner," as Sir Philip Sidney wrote, they were ever ignorant. "Abandon decency all ye who enter here," might well have been the slogan written on their door-posts. They were possessed neither of shame nor sense.

## Hardy's Opinion.

The year before Thomas Hardy died I had a long talk with him about the English novel and its modern tendency.

What seemed to perplex that great writer more than anything else was the great lack of invention among the modern school.

"When you and I began to write," he said—I was properly proud of his comprehensiveness—"we had to find a beginning, a middle, and an end to our stories. Nowadays, the books I read begin in the middle and have no end."

It was very true—and I cannot help but wonder what Hardy would have said could he have read some of our latest fiction and learnt that it had been published with impunity.

Sometimes I hear it urged, and with little justice, that women are chiefly responsible for these outrageous screeds. *Punch*, it is true, showed us an old gentleman handing a modern novel to his wife and saying that it was very good but that their daughter must not read it. "Too late," said the mother. "she wrote it."

## No Stories to Tell.

In the main, though these have been and are unpleasant exceptions, this class of book is the work of men whose presenting of Art and Art's necessities merely disgusts. They have no stories to tell, and so they go to the sewers. The police rarely interfere with them, and the booksellers tell you that they must sell something.

How much we and they owed to that gifted storyteller who is gone—Edgar Wallace, the giant among us!

## WE HAVE TOO MANY POSERS.

By ST. VINCENT  
TROUBRIDGE.

WE all know them, only too well—the posers! They are the men and women who devote a substantial portion of their brains and energy to presenting to the world a picture of themselves which is not based upon reality. Once the posing bug has bitten them, the virtues and qualities which they do possess count as nothing in their sight.

Men who headed the rush to pay their taxes in advance will insist upon being regarded as serious rivals to Bobby Jones in spite of their lamentable week-end performances on the fame of being ideal wives and mothers to preening themselves as tearing beauties in spite of the clearest looking-glass evidence to the contrary.

## Those Helens of Troy.

This latter, which one may term the Helen of Troy pose, is quite surprisingly common. Because the mysterious forces of sex-appeal can sometimes dispense with beauty of feature, numerous women go through life in the profound conviction that their faces could launch a thousand ships. This conviction they maintain in the face of all opposition, even the opposition of Nature herself.

The sporting pose is prevalent, too, though perhaps more difficult to sustain than many of the others. The continued assumption of golfing prowess, for instance, is very apt to be met by a definite challenge, while the thruster in the club or office hunting field also runs considerable danger of being confronted with a live horse and a real pack of hounds.

But it is in the field of music that posing and affectations of all kinds reach their supreme achievements. It is so dead easy. All that is required is to half close the eyes, assume an expression known to the nursery as "a dying duck in a thunderstorm," and the trick is done. Add occasional exclamations of rapture, and you will pass for a musical connoisseur without the necessity for displaying any other knowledge of the difference between the saving of kings and the popping of wensels.

Does posing pay? How far do the posers deceive the world at large? How far do they deceive (Continued on Page 8.)



"That's the beauty of a sea voyage on this line. You never know you're on a ship."



## GENEVA HUMS.

## THREE GATHERINGS IN SESSION.

## TARDIEU STARRED.

Geneva, Apr. 12. Simultaneous work by the League Council, the International Labour Conference and the World Disarmament Conference, made Geneva a hive of international activity to-day.

Chief interest centred upon M. Tardieu's proposal to adjourn the Council's decision upon the League's Financial Commission's Report on the Danube State until May.

M. Tardieu made this suggestion in view of the fact that the four principal Powers have appointed experts to conduct a technical examination of the Danubian economic problem.

After Sir John Simon, Signor Grandi and Dr. von Bülow had drawn attention to the urgency of the matter, M. Tardieu's proposal was adopted.

## International Army.

The French Premier was also prominent at the Disarmament Conference, where, in a stirring speech, he reiterated France's plan for an international military force and emphasised the interdependence of the French proposals for the suppression of aggressive aims.—*Reuter.*

London, April 12.

It is expected that the Prime Minister will leave London tomorrow week for Geneva to attend the Disarmament Conference.—*British Wireless.*

## AN AFTER-DINNER MUSICAL.

## BRIGHT PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY.

A most entertaining programme has been drawn up for the after-dinner musicale to be held at the Helena May Institute on Friday night at 9 o'clock. Including, as it does, the Colony's best concert talent, the entertainment should be varied and attractive, and should cater for all tastes.

One of the features of the programme will be the appearance—the last in Hongkong—of the glee singers from I.L.M.S. Medway, who in their performances here have proved themselves a highly delightful combination, with an extensive repertoire of well-known numbers. Variety will be added by an instrumental trio, comprising Mrs. G. Griggs, Mrs. M. H. Arnold and Mr. E. Schroter, and Mr. F. V. Whitte in some of his inimitable monologues. Among the popular vocalists who will give numbers are Mrs. M. Portallion, Mr. P. St. A. Sharpham, Mr. W. H. Bailey and Mr. G. F. d'Almeida.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION CONFIRMED.

Shareholders of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co. Ltd., this morning unanimously confirmed the special resolution agreed to at a meeting on March 23. In the absence of the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso was chairman.

Dr. Tso moved that the following resolution be confirmed:—"That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words: 'but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration.'" Mr. P. M. Hodgson seconded, the resolution was agreed to.

Directors present were the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Liang Chi-hao, Li Jowson and Chang Kwei-lin. Shareholders in attendance were Messrs. P. M. Hodgson, Chow Tung-sun and Dr. Edward J. W. Sun.

## CHAPAI "REGIME."

## ENDED BY ORDER OF THE JAPANESE.

Shanghai, Apr. 12. The "Chapai puppet government," alleged to have been set up early this month with Japanese backing, has been closed down.

A Japanese communiqué states that the Japanese authorities have caused the association to close its offices on the ground that its activities were found to be against public interests.—*Reuter Morning Post Special.*

A workman engaged on board the s.s. Kwelchow, at the Takoo Docks, last night, received a fractured left leg when he accidentally fell into the No. 2 hold. He sustained a scalp wound and was removed to the Government Hospital for treatment.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Hongkong Women.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Your correspondent "Homo" says that the nursing sisters out here "have none of the home life in which other emigrants usually find compensation." How many of those Hongkong women whom he conspired in his first letter "have homes? A half-share in a Hotel bedroom is not a home. The drift from one ill-planned, jerry-built flat to another, which is the fate of many Hongkong women, makes home life impossible. Very, very few men can stand the discomforts of paternity under such conditions, and probably the easiest way of escape from a nagging husband is to go and play bridge or dance with somebody else while amah keeps the child quiet.

Many women consider that motherhood under such conditions is an impossibility and remain single or childless. Most of these manage to work off their energy in useful interests, but few develop that thirst for excitement which "Homo" so deplores. "Homo" seems to think that these women are inferior to their grandmothers, but he forgets that forty years ago the normal family budget allowed less than ten per cent. of the family income for rent. If that ratio to income could be restored, real home life would be a possibility, and the Female of the Species would fade out.

Mr. Kipling, when he paraphrased the words of Agur, the son of Jakeh, put it all into two lines: An odious woman married May bear a babe and amend. I enclose my card, and remain—Yours etc., X—Q. Y.

## Macno Explosion.

Sir,—I feel very grateful to Messrs. de Gray and Costa for their sympathetic interest towards the sufferers of last year's explosion.

But one thing, Sir, I should like to know whether the Macno Government has given any pension to the widows of the victims (Chinese, not the Macnese).—Yours, etc., OON SECK-AAANG.

## DE VALERA TO RECONSIDER.

(Continued from Page 1).

those who cannot adjust their minds to the facts. The only thing, in fact, which binds the Commonwealth together is allegiance to the Crown. De Valera is writing to the wrong address. He thinks he is trying to break a link England. He is, in fact, threatening to break the bonds of the Empire which bind Irishmen in Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand to Ireland itself.

Statute of Westminster. The *Evening News* refers to the already expressed concern of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa at the possible consequences of de Valera's meditated action and says he will probably be further reminded by them that the Free State helped to frame the Statute of Westminster, in which it is laid down that the Crown in the symbol of the free association of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown. The *News* adds that all over the Empire the hope will be that the Ireland which accepted the invitation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa will not go there with the intention of tearing itself out of the family and so becoming no longer entitled to the many and growing boons which membership of the British Commonwealth confers.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

## LICENCE TERMS INFRINGED.

## MAN WHO RAN TWO BUSINESSES.

For a breach of a condition governing the grant of his food licence, in that he sub-let or used part of his premises for a business other than that for which the licence was granted, without the special permission of the Head of the Sanitary Department, Lo Chung, proprietor of an eating house at 282, Hennessy Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy to-day.

The prosecution stated that defendant was carrying on a dual business, having established a carpenter's business on the premises in addition to that of an eating house.

Defendant pleaded that he was doing the best he could to meet the high rent he was paying. In imposing the fine, Mr. Schofield also made an order for the removal of the carpenter's business within a week.

## SCHNEIDER TRIO.

## GREAT THREAT FOR HONGKONG.

It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance at the Helena May Institute to-night, when the world-famous Schneider Trio will give the first of two recitals, the other being on Wednesday, 20th instant. A feast of really beautiful music is assured by these noted instrumentalists.

This is a wonderful opportunity for real lovers of music, and also an opportunity to demonstrate that the claim that Hongkong is not a music-loving community is not true. The Schneider Trio have travelled all over the Far East. In the Dutch Indies, in the Philippines, in Shanghai and in Tokyo they had a most enthusiastic reception.

## The Musicians.

Prof. Baron Anatol Vietinghoff-Schoel (Piano and clavicembalo), invented the "Chromatophon" and is a distinguished composer. Brilliant, captivating technique and musical capacities are the chief qualities of this excellent pianist. Through his exquisite touch predestined to be a clavicembalo player, he knows how to draw the beautiful tones from this wonderful instrument that give us the illusion of the strains of olden times.

Remja Waschitz (violin), is a pupil of the celebrated French violinist Lucien Capet. He played for years in leading German orchestras; later he appeared as a soloist and chamber musician at Paris and Berlin. His playing shows the qualities of Germanic discipline and purity, refined by Romantic elegance and spirit. His extraordinary ear for music and his superior technique enable him to do justice to the style of every epoch.

Prof. Wolfgang Schneider, (violinello) is the founder of this Trio, pupil of Professor Hugo Becker of the Berlin Conservatory of Music, has applied himself specially to the playing of Chamber Music. His mobility, his splendid taste and his intellectual adaptivity give his rendition an exceptionally fine shading of sound. His extensive knowledge of literature and concert requirements during extended travel throughout the world, an extraordinary feeling for style, combined with exquisite taste, always make his concerts an outstanding event for the public. The title of Professor was conferred on him by the President of the Austrian Republic.

The remarkable qualities of these three artists—their perfect co-ordination—create a marvel of complete unity. Whether they play trios of the classical, romantic and modern school or Baroque music with clavicembalo, always the audience is impressed with the perfect reproduction of the compositions performed.

## NEW STATE AND DR. KOO.

## JAPAN'S ATTITUDE NOW DEFINED.

Tokyo, Apr. 12.

Japan is unable to ask Manchukuo, the new State in Manchuria, to reverse its decision to refuse Dr. Wellington Koo's admission into Manchuria with the League Commission, but as Japan has temporarily undertaken to see that peace and order are preserved in Manchuria, the Japanese Government has decided to tell the Commission that Japan will do everything possible to provide for Dr. Wellington Koo's entry if he accompanies the Commission.

A spokesman of the Government in announcing this decision emphasized that it is in Japan's interest to enable the Commission to study conditions on the spot, and as neither the League nor Japan has yet recognized the new Manchurian State, there is no question of disregarding Manchukuo's sovereignty if Japan in this way conveys to Dr. Wellington Koo's entry into Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

## Ban on Cereal Export.

Peking, Apr. 12. The Manchukuo is reported to have prohibited the export of cereals into China proper, and to have instructed the Peking-Mukden Railway not to carry such produce destined for places in China.—*Reuter.*

## Ma Chan-shan Flees.

Peking, Apr. 12. Chinese reports published here allege that Gen. Ma Chan-shan, the famous hero of the Nonni River fighting, has fled from Changchun, where he was recently appointed Minister for War, and is en route to Russia via Tientsin. It is reported that most of Gen. Ma's troops have turned against the new regime.—*Reuter.*

## A CAUSE CELEBRE.

## A SPIRITUALIST SUES "DAILY MAIL."

London, Apr. 12.

A spiritualist cause celebre in which Mrs. Meurig Morris is suing the *Daily Mail*, which challenged the genuineness of her alleged powers, is attracting enormous interest now that the case of the Rector of Stiffkey, the Rev. Davidson, is temporarily halted.

Lady Conan Doyle, the widow of the famous novelist, and like him a prominent spiritualist, expressed unqualified belief in Mrs. Morris's trance mediumship.

From the witness box in the High Court to-day she declared that the "guides" of herself and her husband foretold many distant events, notably two years ago when they predicted the present Sino-Japanese trouble.

Lady Conan Doyle was closely questioned by Mr. Justice McCardle on her spiritualistic theories.

Another witness was Dr. Montagu Eder, an expert on nervous and mental diseases. He described Mrs. Morris's condition when she went into a trance during a medical examination. The other transmission in masculine voices of the spirit views of "Father O'Keefe" and "Mr. Power," Dr. Eder described as perfectly sincere and honest.

Other witnesses included a woman mental expert and a doctor of philosophy.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

## OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening this morning was quietly steady, but trading still remains on a meagre scale.

Sales.  
Providents (Old) \$4.90.  
Providents (New) \$2.30.  
Humphreys \$10.65/\$17.  
Hongkong Realty \$11.65.  
Ewos \$14.90.  
Hongkong Electric \$74½.  
Amusements \$22½.

Buyers.  
Union Insurance \$470.  
Benguet \$13½.  
Docks \$20½.  
Providents (Old) \$4.90.  
Providents (New) \$2.30.  
Hotels (Cur. Rights) \$13½.  
Hongkong Realty \$11½.  
Chinese Estates \$95.  
Benguet Explorations 29 cents.  
Ewo Cottons \$14.90.  
Hongkong Tramways \$21.60.  
Star Ferries \$30½.  
Hongkong Electric \$74.  
Telephones (P.P.) \$24.80.  
Lane, Crawford (Old) \$5.30.  
Sincere \$11½.  
Amusements \$22½.  
Constructions (New) \$1.85.  
Govt. Loans 3¼% Premium.  
Sellers.  
China Lights (Old) \$21½.  
S. C. Enterprises \$10.

## THE FEARS OF FAMOUS MEN.

## SUPERSTITION.

Famous men's superstitions are the subject of a new book by Sir Charles Iggleden.

Miss Marjorie Bowen, the novelist, in a foreword, states: Superstition has slain more souls than desire or the lust for gold or power.

The author reveals that Sir Malcolm Campbell, the world's fastest racing motorist, repudiates superstition, but believes in luck.

## Unlucky Thirteen.

Here are the reactions of two judges, two cricketers, and an actor to superstition:

Mr. Justice Luxmoore: Always refused in his barrister days, a brief marked "13 guineas"—even if it were disguised as "12 guineas and one extra."

Mr. Justice McCardle: Denies that he has any superstitions. "They are inconsistent with my mind, instincts and my outlook," he says.

Mr. Percy Chapman—The Test captain—does not believe in superstition, but thinks that port certainly ought to go the right way, round.

Doctor W. G. Grace was obsessed with the belief that if his name in the batting list, was opposite an even number, he would make no runs.

Sir Henry Irving caused a sensation by sending a note to a lady in the stalls: "For God's sake take your peacock feather fan out of the theatre to prevent disaster."

Said to have attempted suicide in a fit of depression over financial matters, a woman named Li Lax, of 4, Chiu Shing Street, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of an overdose of eucalyptus.

## RADIO BROADCAST

## SECOND CLUE IN THE TREASURE HUNT.

Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (846 K.C.'s). 5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme. 7.00-8.30 p.m. Children's Concert. 7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme.

7.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc. 7.03-7.28 p.m. Scottish Selections.

Song—Up in the Mornin' Early (Hamilton and Mackenzie). Song—Castles in the Air (Traditional). Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano). 5.55.

Band—The Thistle (Myddleton arr. Waterbottom). Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9.02.

Song—The Standard on the Braces O' Mar (Laird). Song—Duncan Gray (Robert Burns). Elder Cunningham (Bass-Baritone). 6.04.

Pibroch Solo—Theme from Lament for Donald Ban Macrimmon. (Macrimmon). Pipe Major John MacDonald of Inverness. 6.02.

7.28-8.00 p.m. Variety. Song—Sitting at a Table Laid for Two. Florence Oldham (Comedienne). DB623.

Vocal Quintette—By All the Stars Above You. The Maestros. DB432. Instrumental—Hololun. Hawaiian Silver String Quartet. 5.431. Humorous Monologue—Mr. Potter Visits Southend.

Vocal Duet—Victoria and Her Hussar. Maudie. Vocal Duet—Victoria and Her Hussar. Maudie. Oskar Dones and Barbara Dlu. DB645.

Instrumental—Blaze Away. Eddie Peabody. DB661. Vocal Duet—Smiles—Time on my Hands. Layton and Johnstone. DB559.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report. 8.03-8.30 p.m. Selections from Opera. Organ Solo—Frederica—O Maiden, My Maiden (Lehar).

Organ Solo—Frederica—Wayside Rose (Lehar). Quintin M. Maclean. DB277. Pianoforte Solo—Rosenkavalier. Fantasy on Love Themes (R. Strauss, arr. Grainger). Percy Grainger. DB29.

Orchestral—Madame Butterfly. Selection (Puccini, arr. Tavan). New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9.306. Pianoforte Solo—Rigoletto—Paraphrase (Verdi, arr. Liszt).

Irene Scharrer. DB76. 8.30-9.02 p.m. Concerto in E Minor for 'Cello and Orchestra (Elgar, Op. 65).

W. H. Squire (Cellist) and the Halle Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty. DX117-DX120.

9.02-9.30 p.m. Orchestral and Band Selections. The Little Minister Overture (Mackenzie).

New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 7140M. French Lullaby (J. Strauss). Thousand and One Nights (J. Strauss). Johann Strauss and Symphony Orchestra. 9.226.

Waldteufel Memories—Fantasia (Arr. Fitch). Herman Fitch and His Orch. 9836. The Damsel Rose (Chopin Themes adapted by Cluett).

The Court Symphony Orch. DX21. All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

9.30 p.m. Dr. Radio will give listeners the second clue of the Radio Treasure Hunt.

9.45-10.30 p.m. A Programme of Concert Items selected from Z. B. W.'s Library of Records.

Song—I Sometimes Think (From The Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann) Muriel Brunskill (Contralto).

Duet—A Book of Verse (From The Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann) Dora Labette (Soprano) and Hubert Elsdell (Tenor).

Piano Solo—Impromptu in A Flat (Schubert). Piano Solo—Etude in E Major (Chopin). Ignace Jan Paderewski.

Chorus—There is a Tavern in the Town. Chorus—(a) Vive La Compagnie (b) When Johnny Comes Marching Home. Harold Williams and The B. B. C. Male Chorus.

Violin Solo—La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy—Hartmann). Violin Solo—En Bateau (Debussy). Song—Ah! Moon Of My Delight (From The Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann) Hubert Elsdell (Tenor).

Piano Solo—Variations in C Minor (Beethoven). Sergei Rachmaninoff. 10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-Day Press News. 10.33 p.m. Close Down.

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## LARGE NUMBER OF SHOPS CLOSING DOWN.

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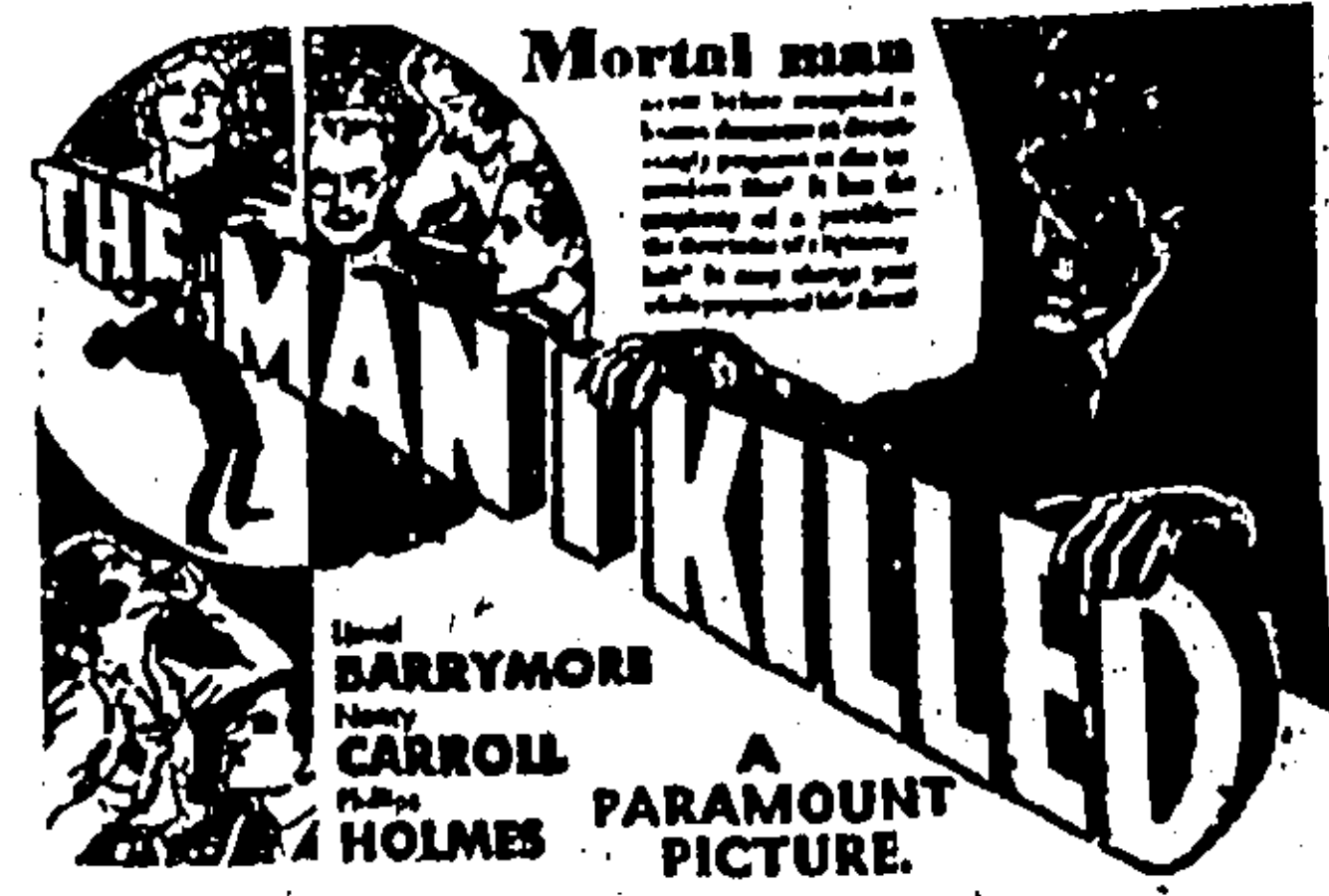
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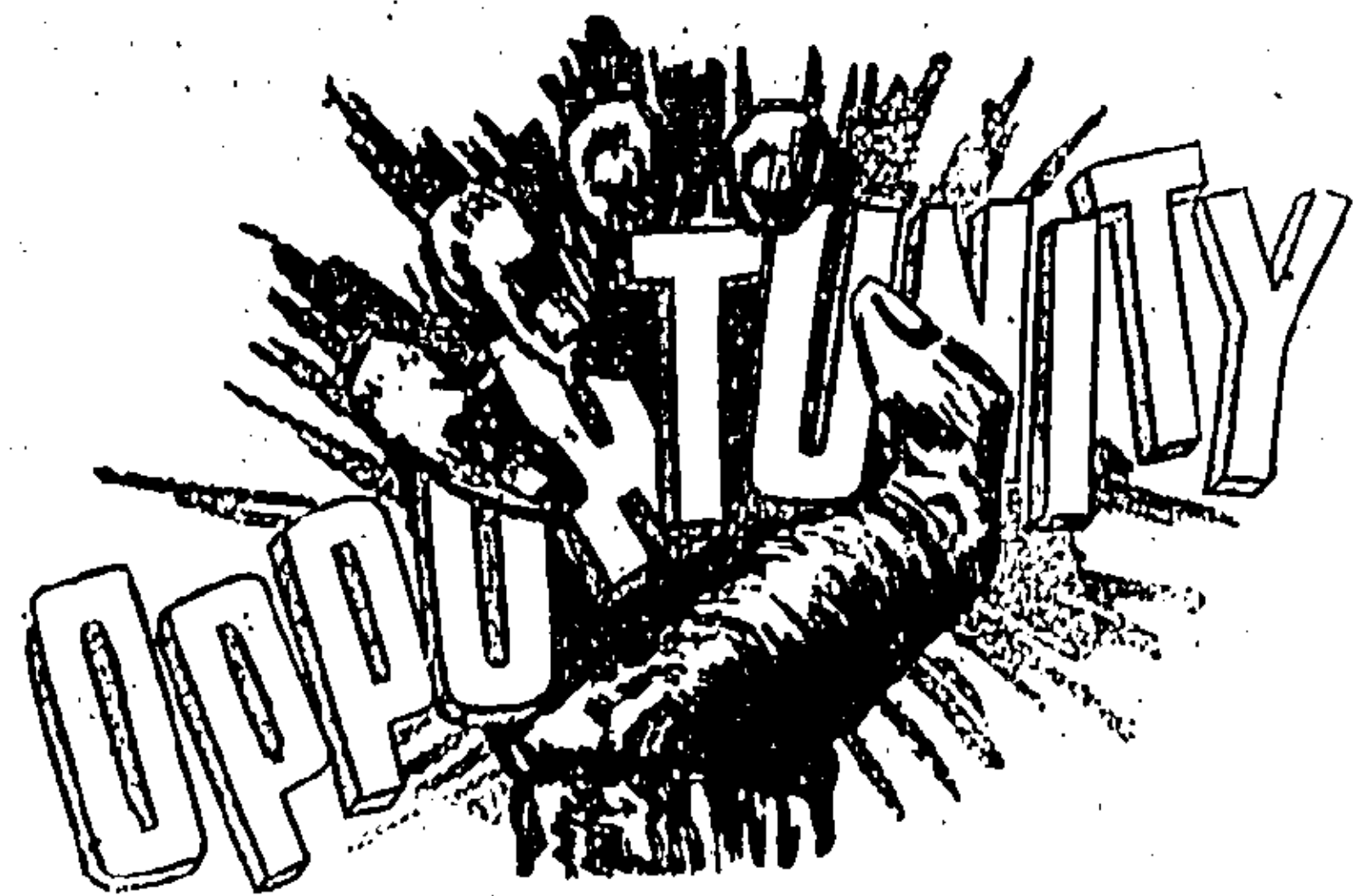
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#### REBUILDING QUESTION AT SANITARY BOARD.

"Nothing would please me more than to see the disappearance of these slum areas, but if they are to exist, will it not be better for them to be with sanitary conveniences than without," declared Mr. M. K. Lo at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The question arose following a discussion on an application for the erection of five water closets at No. 15, New Market Street and No. 8, Connaught Road West. Consideration of the application was adjourned to enable the Board to see the premises.

Mr. G. R. Sayer (President) told the Board that the Select Committee dealing with the application had unanimously recommended that the Board refuse the application. Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Director of Public Works, declaring that the building was unsuitable and he did not want to perpetuate the type.

Mr. Lo said that it was really reverting to the old question of whether the Board would use its power as a lever to cause the rebuilding of old houses, a policy to which the Board had previously agreed it would not adhere. He would be inconsistent in supporting the motion unless he was assured that that was not being done in this case.

Mr. Sayer—It is not a case of using a lever; the building is simply not suitable.

Mr. F. C. Hall—I must support Mr. Lo. If a building is unfit for a water closet, it must be unfit for human habitation.

Hon. Mr. Cressy and Dr. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, declared that the premises were insufficiently ventilated.

Dr. R. A. de Castro said he would like to take a look at the premises and on his request, the matter was adjourned.

#### FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

##### G. SINGH'S BRILLIANT PLAY FOR RADIO.

In a friendly hockey match on the Caroline Hill ground yesterday afternoon the Radio Sports Club beat the German Club by six goals to nil.

The Radio team were vastly superior to their opponents and through the efforts of G. Singh at centre-forward established a strong lead in the first half when they scored four times. G. Singh being responsible for three of the goals and K. Singh for the other. G. Singh again netted in the second half when A. Singh scored a sixth.

Neither team was at full strength. For the Radio G. Jack at centre-half and G. Singh were outstanding, while Muller tried hard for the German Club but always found the Radio defence too good.

#### LAWN TENNIS.

##### BODIKER AND LEUNG TO PLAY HERE.

Two of the leading Canton players, G. Bodiker, the singles champion, and Leung Tak-kwong, the runner-up, will be playing against local players on Thursday and Friday on the stand court.

Both Bodiker and Leung have defeated E. C. Fincher and M. W. Lo in the Interport contest between Hong-kong and Canton, but S. A. Ramjahn has defeated them both during some of his week-end visits to Canton.

#### University Tennis.

The following will represent the Engineering Faculty in a University inter-faculty tennis match against the Medics this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. at Pokfulam:

Prof. F. A. Redmond, L. A. Oppenheim, P. L. Tan, K. M. Lo, W. Fletcher and L. A. de Silva (Capt.).

#### TENNIS DOUBLES FINAL.

##### NOW INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.C.C. that the tennis doubles championship final, which had to be postponed yesterday by reason of inclement weather, and which it was hoped might have been played to-day, has now been postponed indefinitely.

The match will take place on the first available day on which the weather and court are suitable, the date to be announced later.

#### FRIENDLY CRICKET.

##### HONGKONG C.C. ELEVEN AGAINST KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2 p.m. at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday:

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However tiresome they may be, there is still something pathetic in these folk who fight so desperately in defence of the phantasma of their imagination. They are akin to the famous comedians with secret yearnings to appear as Hamlet. They are also of our kin, for in all our day-dreams be the seeds of posing. So when their airs and affectations prove most maddening, we should return them the soft answer and murmur to ourselves: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

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### Their Calling.

Now what is this calling of theirs, which seems such a mystery to the general public? They are termed Bull and Bullion Brokers, but in reality they only see a bill once in a blue moon, and if you were to ask any of them to quote for bullion they would think you mad. It is the broker's business to find out each morning what the state of the exchange market is, and inform his merchant and banker clients. Thereafter he is supposed to know everything, from the drawing rate on Damascus to the course of the latest typhoon.

But what worries and anxieties are concealed by that phrase "finding out what the market is"? In an ideal market, every banker would say frankly, "I know what information you require" and then proceed to quote you his rates for various currencies and different deliveries—rates which would be firm and unalterable for at least five minutes. You would only have to say "Thank you."

There was an actual case where a banker in a place where rates were very stationary, used to sit back with his feet up, smoking a cigar and reading his correspondence. When the brokers came in, they found his buying rate chalked on the sole of his right foot and his selling rate on the left. When he wasn't a buyer, he dropped his right foot or crossed his legs, leaving only the selling rate visible. (Laughter). And vice versa if he wasn't a seller. But that was quite exceptional.

### Finding Out the Rates.

In reality, you call on a banker knowing full well that you have got to use every form of artifice and subtlety to find out even a fraction of what he wants to do; you have got to try and pierce the sphinx-like mask of his poker face and hope that by some cunningly contrived question you will succeed in catching him unawares and forcing him to admit that he is rather a buyer than a seller. By great good fortune, you may get one of them to say that he will actually buy or sell at a certain rate, but if he has so far committed himself he will probably qualify it at once by saying "provided the market doesn't get stronger or weaker" or "it depends on what turns up."

After calling on a dozen or so bankers and putting them through the third degree, you are still completely hazy as to the actual market, and when definitely asked what it is, you answer non-committally that it "ought to be so-and-so." That is why you see so many exchange brokers at a quarter to ten in the morning hailing one another in rickshaws and begging their competitors to tell them what the market is. Being very frank individuals, we promptly give our competitors what little information we have acquired—with suitable reservations—and carry on, feeling that we have done our good deed for the day.

### Reluctance Of Bankers.

Most of the bankers are reluctant to tell you anything until they have found out what you are trying to do, and they only make their wants known when they think you are going to be of some use to them. It is, therefore, most unwise to be put off by a banker's statement that he is doing nothing. No banker ever does nothing. There are a thousand and one things he wants to do. But he won't tell you. That is the humiliation of the position.

Take my friend here, Mr. Kan Tong-po. When you ask him something he shakes his head solemnly and says "Very slack! Very slack!" Whether he is referring to business or to the broker is not at all clear. (Laughter). You press him again and he says "See what happens." What he wants to do will be revealed in due course—and then probably to one of your competitors. But you have got to keep on pegging away. He may suddenly like your face and give you an order.

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How does any fall in prices take place? It is a question of supply and demand. Usually in Hongkong there is neither supply nor demand, though occasionally someone buys \$10 to send home to his wife. (Laughter). But theoretically, it works out like this—and I am speaking of the inter-bank market, which enables us to get such wonderful rates for our merchants:—

A broker finds about six banks trying to buy sterling at 1/4 1/6 and only one selling at 1/4. He says to one of the buyers "You haven't an earthly chance of getting 1/16. There's only one seller at 1/4. Grab it while you can." So the rate of 1/4 is done. The other buyers hear about it and some say that they will buy at that rate too—so the market has become 1/16d. The lucky broker who put through the transaction has earned his brokerage, but he must be prepared to spend the rest of the day getting his pants kicked by the five disappointed buyers for not using his persuasion with them.

### Practical Difficulties.

In practice, however, the market does not always stand still while a broker makes his rounds, weighs up buyers and sellers, and then puts through a transaction. When he approaches the solitary seller, he usually finds that the man has gone off selling. Even if he thinks he can rely on two or three sellers at 1/4, he may still be unable to connect business. Of course when he first gets an order to buy at a feasible rate, he will scurry from the manager's room in a state of high elation. It is in frenzied moments such as this that you have seen these fellows take a flying leap on to the pavement, jump in to a moving rickshaw, and dash among the traffic, looking like Ben Hur in a chariot race.

Entering the sanctum of the first seller he says "I can buy \$5,000 at 1/4." But the banker regrets that he no longer has any cover. For all you know, he may have been quoting merely for fun. Undaunted, the broker rushes to the next seller and is told the same thing. He probably says to himself "Something wrong with my methods. I look too excited. I'm frightening them off."

So he slows down and saunters into the office of the remaining

seller, hoping to conceal his inward excitement. This time he doesn't shout "I can buy \$5,000." He enquires cautiously, "Are you selling at 1/4?" Then when the banker says "Yes," he can seize a contract form and fill in his order. But the man doesn't say "Yes." He says "Shanghai's gone easier. I'm buying now." (Laughter).

So great is my sympathy for that broker that a lump comes in my throat as I think of his bitter anguish and disappointment. Most galling of all is the fact that he must confess to his buyer that he has failed. Possibly, while he was awaiting the business was done by another broker who used the telephone. But sometimes the market can rise or fall 1/8d. or more without any transactions being put through.

### Discreet Enquiries.

To keep pace with the rates you have also got to try and find out what your competitors are doing in the interbank market. But though you see signs of activity right and left, you may not know in the least what it is all about. It may not be interbank business at all. A man can get just as hot and bothered over buying a draft for fifty pesos.

You therefore set out like a sleuth-hound to gain the desired knowledge. Some bankers just sit with their contracts before them, turned upside down, and defy your efforts at thought reading, with a bland smile on their faces. You won't get much help from those quarters. But some will reveal a transaction in confidence: some will talk quite naturally about what they have done; while others—a very small minority—will blurt it from the rooftops. In the latter case a purchase of \$10,000 becomes \$30,000 in no time, by the mere process of rumour-mongering, and an hour later it will be reported that they have bought up the whole market.

### Help From Brokers.

On the whole, however, you will not glean as much as you would wish, in the course of this detective work; and the next step is to tackle your broker competitors, in the hope that one of them will be in an expansive or boastful mood. The offer of a cigarette, or the gift of a piece of chocolate, (laughter) will sometimes work the oracle. Under the spell of your friendliness, the other fellow may confess to you that he has just done a quarter of a lac of yen or a wad of rupees. One of my friends can always be won over by telling him the latest

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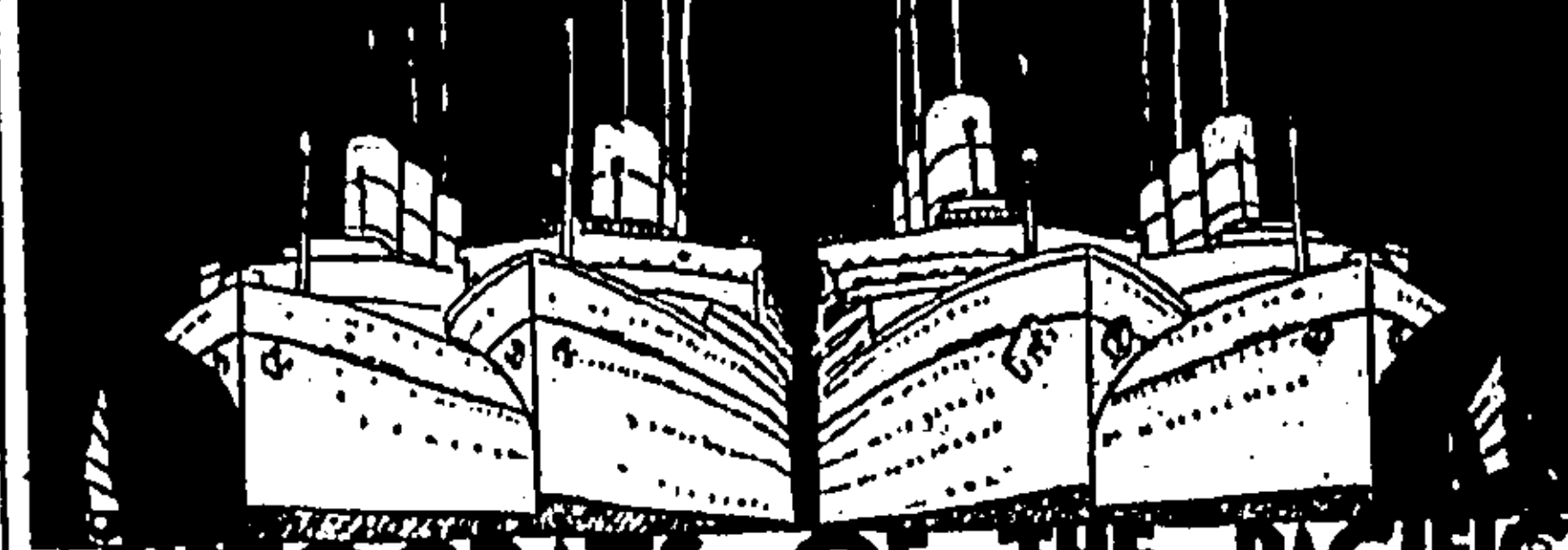
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## THESE BULLION BROKERS.

(Continued from Page 10.)

after-dinner joke. When he has  
finished laughing, he is in such a  
good mood that he will tell you  
all he knows. Unfortunately it  
never amounts to very much.  
(Laughter).

### Frustrated Hopes.

Well, gentlemen, I could go on  
indefinitely but I shall be getting  
the bankers on my track. How-  
ever, I hope that I have said  
enough to show that, like all of  
you, we have our worries, and that  
life with us is not one long rick-  
shaw ride. Next time you hear a  
shouting in the street and are  
nearly knocked over by a bullion  
broker's coolies, do not vent your  
anger on him, even if he looks as  
though he owned the President  
Hoover. Think rather of his frus-  
trated hopes and agony of mind,  
and remember that underneath  
that pretty buttonhole his heart  
may be as heavy as the silver  
market.

I do not suppose I shall address  
you again on this subject for the  
next fifteen or twenty years, but if  
I have dwelt to-day on the draw-  
backs of our profession, you may  
rest assured that next time I shall  
strike a more optimistic note. I  
shall be just thinking of retiring,  
and must get someone to buy my  
seat!—(Laughter and applause).

### A Banker's View.

The speaker was fittingly thank-  
ed by Mr. Li Tse-fong, of the Bank  
of East Asia, who found a few  
things to say about bullion brok-  
ers. In the course of a brief but  
laughable address, Mr. Li remark-  
ed: As a bank manager I have to  
spend a lot of my time in interview-  
ing brokers every morning, and  
many bankers consider that these  
interviews are a sheer waste of  
time.—(Laughter). I myself, con-  
sider that, sometimes, they are  
rather useful, if not helpful, be-  
cause when business is slack their  
coming in and going out all the  
time gives the appearance of great  
activity (laughter) and when busi-  
ness is brisk their views on music,  
pianos (laughter), racing and golf  
gives me great relief in the morn-  
ing's routine work which has to be  
done as quickly as possible.

He continued: In my opinion,  
the lot of the broker is not at all an  
unhappy one, and if Mr. Bowes-  
Smith is thinking of selling his seat  
I can give him an offer.—(Ap-  
plause). Subject to satisfactory  
arrangements, I am perfectly will-  
ing to change positions whenever  
he wishes it.—(Laughter and ap-  
plause).

### Magnificent Hospitality.

The Chairman: Before closing  
the meeting I would ask you to  
join with me in thanking the Dollar  
Steamship Company for their  
magnificent hospitality.—(Ap-  
plause).

I also wish to thank the passen-  
gers who are non-Rotarians, on this  
ship, for having borne with us to-  
day. I didn't notice any raspber-  
ries coming towards the speaker  
but, as he said, there are no ban-  
anas, though I believe there were  
some in the fruit cellars.—(Laugh-  
ter).

The Secretary was instructed to  
write a letter of thanks to the  
Company and the Captain.

### The Next Meeting.

In closing the meeting, the  
Chairman reminded members that  
next Tuesday's meeting would be  
held as usual, in Messrs. Lane  
Crawford's restaurant.

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The Steamship,

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including date of arrival, will be  
subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the  
undersigned before the Thursday, the  
21st April, 1932, or they will not be  
recognized.  
Damaged Packages must be left in  
the Godowns for examination by the  
consignees, and the Company's  
Surveyors. Messrs:—Goddard and  
Douglas at 10.30 a.m. on Monday,  
18th April, 1932. Consignees must  
have a Revenue Officer in attendance  
when damaged dutiable goods are  
examined by the Company's survey-  
ors.

No claims will be admitted after  
the goods have left the Godowns.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected  
by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,  
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obtained.

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the Goods have left the Godowns,  
and all Goods remaining undelivered  
after the 14th April, 1932, will be  
subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer  
must be presented to the Under-  
signed or before the 28th April, 1932, or  
they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged  
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,  
where they will be examined on the  
15th April, 1932, at 10 a.m., by  
Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.  
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must have a Revenue Officer in  
attendance when damaged dutiable  
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RANCHI	17,000	4th June.	Bombay, M'los & L'don
*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June.	M'los, L'don, Havre, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
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RANCHI	17,000	5th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
TALAWA	10,000	5th May.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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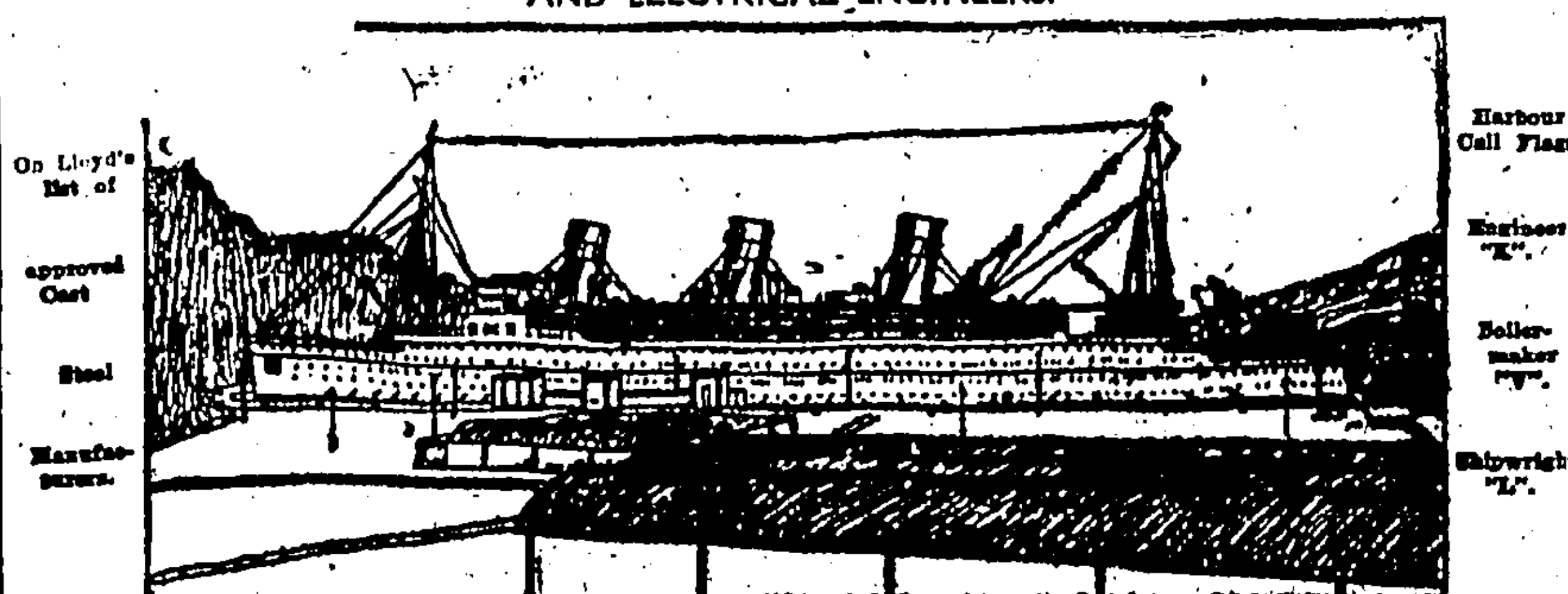
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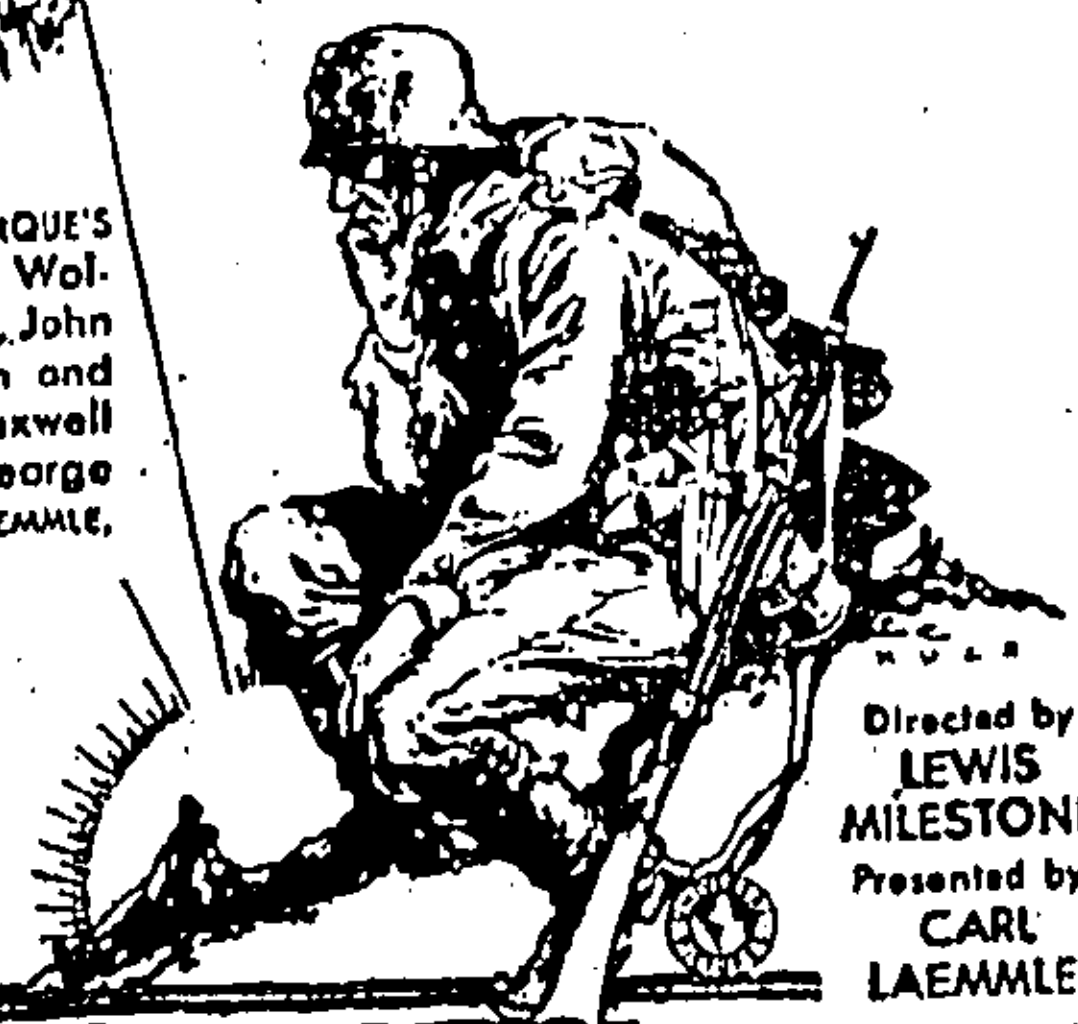
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ILL-TREATMENT  
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FINE.

Before Mr. Fraser, at the Kow-  
loon Magistracy, this morning, a  
young married woman named Luk  
Shu-tan, living at No. 177 Tung  
Choi Street, was charged with ill-  
treating a male child named Chan  
Pi, two years of age, on various  
dates.

Mr. R. C. Wilkinson, of the  
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, ap-  
peared for the prosecution, and  
alleged that too severe punishment  
was inflicted by the defendant on  
the child with a feather duster on  
20th March.

Giving evidence, Dr. J. Smalley,  
of the Kowloon Hospital, said he  
examined the child on April 2 and  
found him to be suffering from  
multiple bruises in the lower limbs,  
from the thigh downwards. Simi-  
lar bruises could also be found on  
both arms, while the cheeks were  
also bruised. In his opinion, the  
injuries were at least from three to  
four days old. Close to the right  
eye was a haemorrhage, which  
might have been caused by a blow.

Sub-Inspector Fraser, attached  
to the S.C.A., testified to visiting  
177 Tung Choi Street on receiving  
a report on April 2, and finding  
the child, of whom the defendant  
was the mother. There were  
several injuries on his body and  
witness took him to the Kowloon  
Hospital for Dr. Smalley's examina-  
tion.

Defendant admitted caning the  
child, but denied that she had done  
so on several occasions previous to  
March 29. She stated that she  
chastised him because he would not  
obey her; she contended she had  
no other way of teaching him ex-  
cept by caning.

His Worship held that even if  
the child were naughty, defendant  
was not justified in inflicting such  
a heavy punishment.

A fine of \$100 or two months was  
imposed.

Loyang, Apr. 12.

The National Emergency Con-  
ference closed this morning with  
a review of troops.

The delegates voted for the  
gradual enforcement of conscrip-  
tion in China, stressing the im-  
portance of military training in  
schools.

The conference decided to con-  
voke a National People's Con-  
ference in October, with 300 de-  
legates representing the leading  
professions and civic organiza-  
tions and also the overseas Chi-  
nese.—*Reuter*.

The boxing match between H.M.S.  
Hermes and H.M.S. Cumberland, ar-  
ranged for Thursday, 14th inst., is  
postponed owing to the meningitis  
outbreak.

THE MENINGITIS  
EPIDEMIC.STATEMENT BY  
M. O. H.

## MILD AT PRESENT.

One of the surprising features  
of the meningitis outbreak in  
Hongkong, which Dr. G. W. Pope,  
Medical Officer of Health this morn-  
ing described as a "mild epidemic",  
is the immunity so far enjoyed by  
the European population.

Ninety-five per cent. of the cases  
reported to date, which number 63,  
are Chinese victims. There have  
been only three Europeans—one  
French (imported) and two Por-  
tuguese, whilst one Armenian and  
one Indian case has also been not-  
ified.

Dr. Pope said he could not give  
the exact mortality figures, but  
they amounted to about 33 per cent.,  
the number of deaths being just  
over 20.

"The figures do not justify the  
outbreak being called a real epi-  
demic," he added. "The League of  
Nations take 25 cases a week as  
indicating an epidemic, but this  
figure is applied to a population of  
5,000, and certainly could not be  
regarded as epidemic where there  
is a population of nearly a million."

"I should call the present attack  
a mild epidemic," he added.  
Asked if the authorities had con-  
sidered further the possibility of  
introducing preventive measures,  
the Medical Officer of Health re-  
plied that, so far as they could see,  
there were no such measures which  
could be enforced.

"My chief hope lies in some  
really warm weather. The same  
thing happened in 1918. As soon  
as the weather became colder, the  
cases increased, and when the sun  
came out and the atmosphere warm-  
ed up, they instantly declined."

Dr. Pope again stressed the  
necessity for plenty of fresh air  
and avoidance of crowded places,  
but apart from this, said the dis-  
ease left them helpless so far as  
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that the anticyclone has weakened  
and moved into the Eastern Sea;  
The depression has passed into  
the Pacific to the East of Hoku-  
kaido. Local forecast:—N.E.  
winds, moderate; cloudy, rain.

FATAL MOTOR  
ACCIDENT.INQUEST INTO WOMAN'S  
DEATH.

The death of a coolie woman  
who was knocked down by a Flat  
car, No. 3090, driven by Mr. C. E.  
Gahagan in Hennessy Road, Wan-  
chat on March 23, was the subject  
of an inquest held before Mr.  
Schofield at the Central Magistracy  
yesterday afternoon.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks watched the  
proceedings in the interests of the  
driver concerned in the case.

Mr. Gahagan stated that at 4.15  
on the afternoon in question he was  
proceeding eastward along Hen-  
nessy Road. When passing Canal  
Road East he noticed the woman,  
carrying two baskets of Shanghai  
plaster, crossing Hennessy Road  
diagonally, going from north to  
south.

He sounded his horn when 20  
yards away. She turned towards  
the south side of the road, then  
turned again and ran to the north  
side. He could see that she was  
very excited, so he slowed down  
and averted to the right when  
about four yards away from her.  
She turned round again, ran to-  
wards the south side of the road,  
and, before he had time to avert  
clear, she was struck on the right  
hip by the bumper of the car. As  
he got out of the car, the victim  
was being assisted to the pavement  
by some Chinese. He telephoned  
for an ambulance from the Asiatic  
Motor Garage, and also reported  
the accident to the local district  
Station.

## Accidental Death.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Of-  
ficer at the Government Civil Hos-  
pital, stated that the woman died  
five minutes after admission, from  
shock and multiple injuries, includ-  
ing a ruptured spleen and broken  
ribs.

The Coroner asked if the post-  
mortem examination disclosed any  
definite indication of the woman  
having been run over, and witness  
replied that he found no such in-  
dication, although the injuries  
were consistent with the woman  
having been knocked down by a car.

According to a Chinese mechanic  
who was an eye witness the car was  
travelling at full speed and ran  
straight into the woman. He  
heard no horn sounded.

After hearing the evidence the  
jury, comprising Messrs. R. M. de  
Rocha (foreman), R. Darling and  
J. M. V. Remedios, returned a  
verdict of accidental death and at-  
tached no blame to the driver, who  
in their opinion, took every precau-  
tion to avoid an accident.

In associating himself with the  
verdict the Coroner expressed the  
sympathy of the Court and of the  
jury with the deceased's husband.

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case of cerebro-spinal fever. There  
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CANTOR**

**Palmy  
Days**

with  
**CHARLOTTE  
GREENWOOD**  
AN EDWARD SUTHERLAND  
PRODUCTION  
UNITED ARTISTS PICTURE



NEXT CHARGE  
SUNDAY 17th APRIL



My own face in  
the mirror shouts  
back at me—  
"MURDERER!"  
See my story!

AN ERNST  
LUBITSCH  
PRODUCTION

**"THE MAN  
I KILLED"**

A Garamont  
Picture

with  
Lionel  
BARRYMORE

and  
Nancy  
CARROLL

Phillips  
HOLMES